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SIRENS WAIT EARLY FOR RAID ON LONDON

MYSTERY 'PLANES OVER EIRE.

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Dun-carana and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an intercept patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.—Reuter.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

OVER 500 RADIO STATIONS WILL TRANSMIT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST IN AMERICA AND A DOZEN SHORT WAVE TRANSMITTERS WILL CARRY THE TALK THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND INTO THE FAR EAST IN MANY LANGUAGES.

Urging President Roosevelt to give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the newspaper "Washington Post" yesterday said: "Britain should fight not with her back to the wall but with her back to American factories."—Reuter.

INDIAN GUARD'S SUICIDE

An Indian guard (No. 430), L. Singh, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning, died in the Kowloon Hospital at 4.30 p.m.

He was on duty at the Kowloon Bus Company's premises in Castle Peak Road when the incident occurred.

He was only 25 years of age.

MILITARY TRAINING IN INDIA

The need of Indian youths taking advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of the war effort was stressed by various conferences held all over India during Christmas week.—Reuter.

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and the team spirit.—Reuter.

BORDER CLASHES

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BETWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANGKOK.

The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured. The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientiane but were quickly silenced.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OPEN SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, which has been closed to the public since the Japanese occupation of Canton, will be partially opened by the Japanese military authorities on January 1, when a regular train service will be resumed between Canton and Sun-kai, north of Canton, says a semi-official Japanese report. Trains will stop at seven stations between Canton and Sun-kai.—Reuter Special.

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at a place in north-west England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though some houses were damaged no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.—Reuter.

LOSSES IN A WEEK

During the week ended midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids over Britain, lost seven planes.

Two were lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, three on the night of Dec. 22/23, one during the day of Dec. 23/24 and one during the day of Dec. 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

One was lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of Dec. 26/27 and one on the night of Dec. 27/28.—Reuter.

NAZI TALE DENIED

REPORTS THAT A FRENCH PLANE WITH FIVE ON BOARD INCLUDING HIGH PERSONAGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON ITS WAY TO FRANCE FROM MOROCCO, WERE DENIED BY THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco for France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on Christmas Day with only civil technicians on board.—Reuter.

GREEKS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Yesterday marked the end of the second month since the invasion of Greece—but how different was the position from the rosy expectations of the Italians when they began to invade Greece.

Instead of an easy victory and an early one, the Italian troops

LATEST GALLUP POLL

No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows.

The "New York Times" reports that in response to the question "Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent. answered "Yes."

The second World War has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald Tribune" in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes.—Reuter.

have found themselves pushed back into Albania by the Greeks.

Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan.

The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in snow.—Reuter.



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H.M.S. BERWICK IN ACTION

Clash With Enemy Raider Attacking Convoy

Christmas Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was hit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique.

One ship in the convoy was hit and received slight damage.

The enemy withdrew at high speed as soon as she realised the convoy was escorted.

Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long range. Visibility had been variable and dropped rapidly to half a mile.

One shell burst amidships but it is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received slight damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had been informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea as an effective unit of the Navy. During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire. It is considered probable she was acting as a supply ship. Reuter.

Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed in 1927 and was formerly on the China station. She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet in November when our ships chased the Italians.

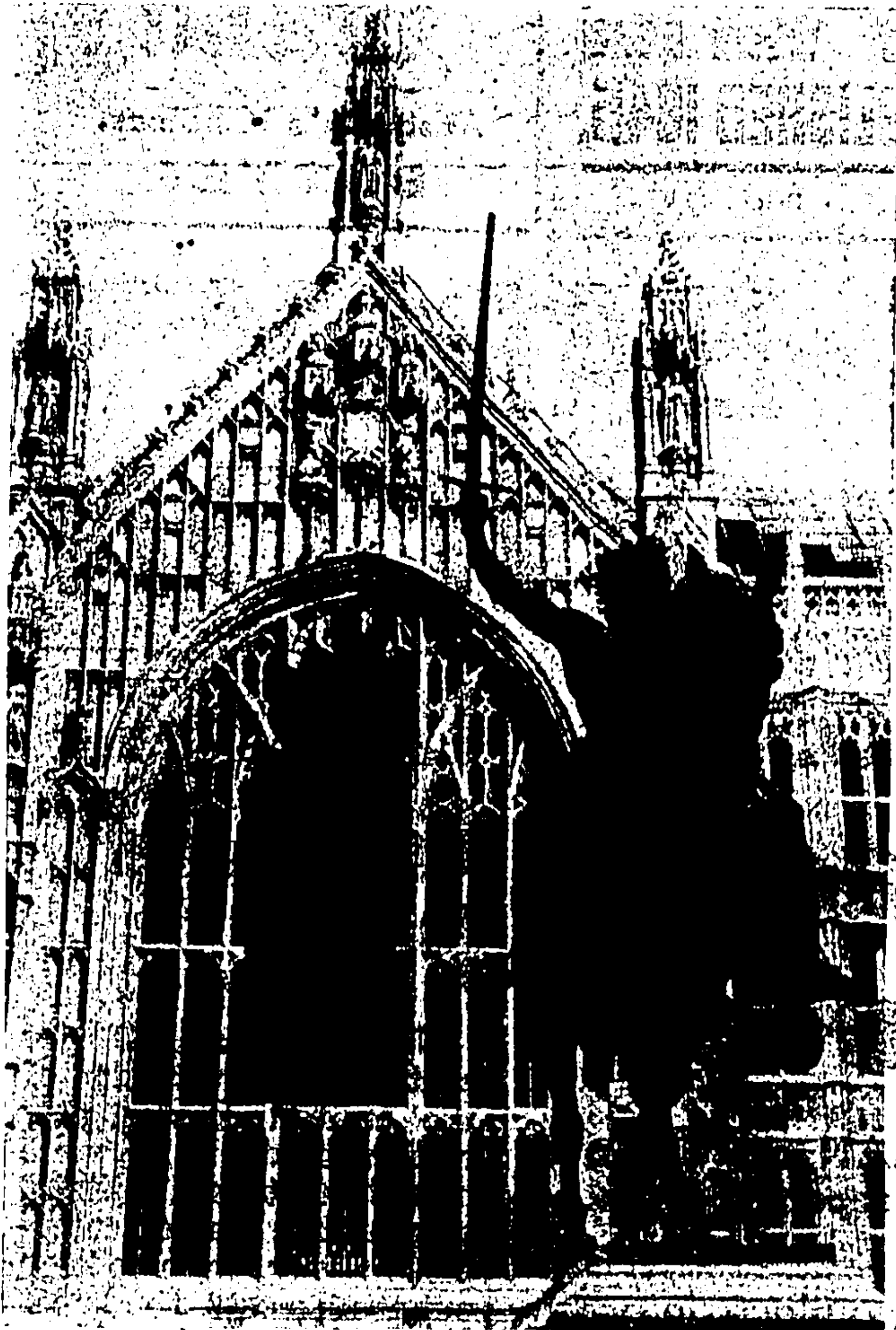
FREE LIFT DRIVERS RUN RISK

A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued if, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spitfire" box, may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given lifts at their own risk goes back to a rule that has been denounced by the House of Lords, and is "a bold suggestion to make."

The Journal considers that if a driver says "I will take you to London for two shillings," he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney carriage licence. Moreover, his insurance policy may be invalidated.

Drivers who hang about railway stations to "earn an honest penny" by bringing pedestrians home play a game at least as dangerous as it is generous, and the driver who says, "Here is a box for the Spitfire fund! Will you put something into it?" runs into danger.



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on London a large crater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged. Photo shows broken windows at the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Lion in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

LEAVING "PROBABLES"

How many German aircraft are shot down by our fighters without their fate being known, or their number included in the official "bag" claimed? Probably a greater proportion now than at the start of the air war on Britain.

Our pilots are learning that it does not pay to be too curious as to the ultimate end of a raider which plunges earthwards after an encounter. It is better to remain in ignorance of its fate, and call it a "probable."

Earlier in the air war it was not an uncommon practice for a pilot who had sent a German aircraft spinning or diving out of control to follow it down, and witness its finish as it crashed on land or plunged into the sea.

When he returned to his base, the pilot could chalk up another "certainty." But sometimes enemy fighters, wheeling overhead while he fought his duel, swooped after him as he followed his falling adversary. The trick was practiced with success by Germany's "Red Knight," Richtofen, in the last war.

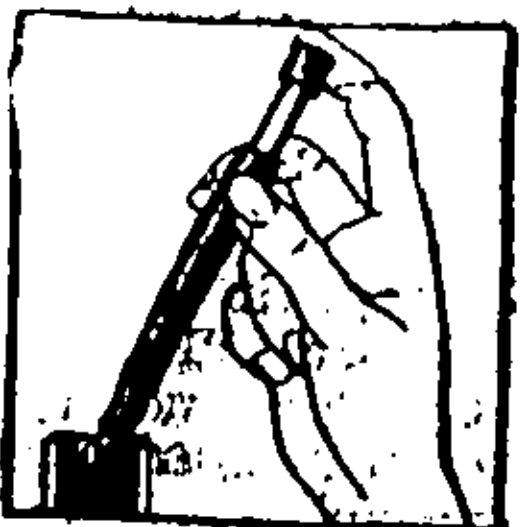
To-day, with scores, and even hundreds, of fighter aircraft escorting German bombers, whole squadrons can be spared to sit up aloft, above the main battle, waiting to swoop on any British fighter whose engagement takes him astray from his fellows, and particularly on one who follows down a beaten foe.

A flight commander whose team, after some weeks of continual fighting in the south-east of England, went to Scotland, gave this advice to a young Scots pilot who was proceeding south:

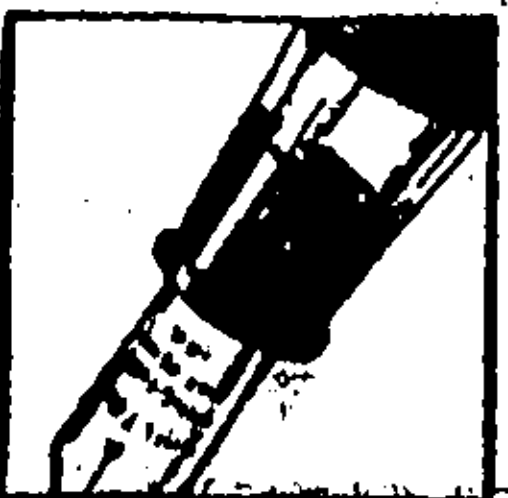
"If your 'Jerry' goes down in smoke, let him go, and call it a 'probable.' Maintain altitude, and stay with your squadron. You'll be safer, and you'll find more good work to do—up on the ceiling. It may rob the squadron of a 'certainty' by not following your man down, but it will certainly rob the Boche of one—yourself."

The published British returns of enemy losses take no account of "probables."

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Western Desert Air Encounter

TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused. The successful bombing of Valona, on the foreshore of southern Albania, is also reported.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

BOMBED DURING LAWSUIT

A house in a London area was practically destroyed by bombs since the hearing of an action regarding the lease, it was stated at Westminster County Court.

Judge Austin Jones gave judgment for the landlord, Sir Ronald Vernon Gunter, of Wetherby Grange, Yorkshire, for £89 and costs, rent due, against Mrs. Alice Maud Haldane, who had guaranteed the rent under an assignment of the lease, and for £89 and costs for Mrs. Haldane against Miss Lindsley-Sims, who took over the lease.

Mrs. Haldane, a bookseller, offered 10s. a month. She said her business premises had been bombed three times. The second time she lost £300 worth of stock. Her car was also bombed.

Miss Lindsley-Sims, an artist, said her income before the war was £550. She was now unemployed. The house was now uninhabitable. She offered £2 a month.

MINE TRAGEDY IN INDIA

Four, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of Kastur colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine, says a message from Jharia (India).

The men were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.—Reuter.

The Judge said the sums to be paid must be settled between the parties. In the meantime he would order Mrs. Haldane to pay £10 a month and Miss Lindsley-Sims £5 a month.

ANTI-FASCIST RALLIES IN INDIA

Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian world of Labour are holding Labour rallies all over the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial leaders are joining.—Reuter.

HUGE GAS FACTORIES IN GERMANY

Hitler is using the time-bomb, a weapon with which he hopes to terrify our civilian population, writes a correspondent of the "Evening Standard." How long will he hold in reserve the gas bomb, which he has long prepared to assist in that purpose?

Many of the chemical factories which have been bombed so persistently by the R.A.F. are used for the production, among other weapons, of gas bombs.

The types of gas used by the Germans in the last war were chlorine, phosgene or diphosgene, known as Green Cross, and dichloroethylsulphide, known as mustard gas or Yellow Cross. These have been surpassed as a super-poison by diphenylarsinechloride and several other prussic acid, cyanide and hydrocyanide compounds affecting the breathing organs and eyes and generally known as Blue Cross. The most effective gas of this group has been mass-produced at the Greiner drug factories at Dresden.

Another gas, more cheaply produced than these types, is known as Red Cross. It was discovered by Dr. Hugo Stolzenberg, who received a grant to enlarge his works at Hamburg in readiness for mass production. Stolzenberg, in advocating this gas, argued that once the plant was established the methods of production were so simple that all the quantities required could be produced and delivered within 48 hours, and the risks of storage would be eliminated.

Other gases produced were "W" gas, at the Badische factory of the I.G. Dye-Stuff Syndicate, and Green Gas at Oppau.

Nazis Lack Sulphur

Germany has always had ample supplies of all the raw materials for chemical warfare, with the exception of sulphur and sulphuric acid. The chemists engaged in research for the production of synthetic petrol from coal at the Leuna works of the I. G. Dye Trust made the discovery that sulphides and sulphuric acid could be obtained from gypsum by a simple heating process. With plants erected at Leuna, Bitterfeld, near Essen, Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg-Harborn, Oberhausen and Dortmund, Germany now has vast resources for the production of sulphides and sulphuric acid.

The quantities of poison gas that can be produced in the Stolzenberg factories at Hamburg and in the vast plants of the I.G. at Leuna and Oppau would alone suffice to supply all the needs of Hitler's war machine.

The Germans claimed that the "W" gas would penetrate every gas-mask. They also claimed that the Green gas was just as deadly.

But there is no weapon which cannot be countered. The question always is whether it can be countered in time.

WANTS SACK OF FLOUR IN HOMES

Mr. de la Bère (Con., Evesham) is to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food:

"Whether, in view of the dangers of air bombardment, he will now consider repainting and putting into working order the disused mills throughout the country and bringing them back into activity."

"And whether, with a view to improving the country's larder, he will encourage householders throughout the country to hold a 140lb. bag of flour with a view to its utilisation for home baking in the event of an emergency and as a war precaution."



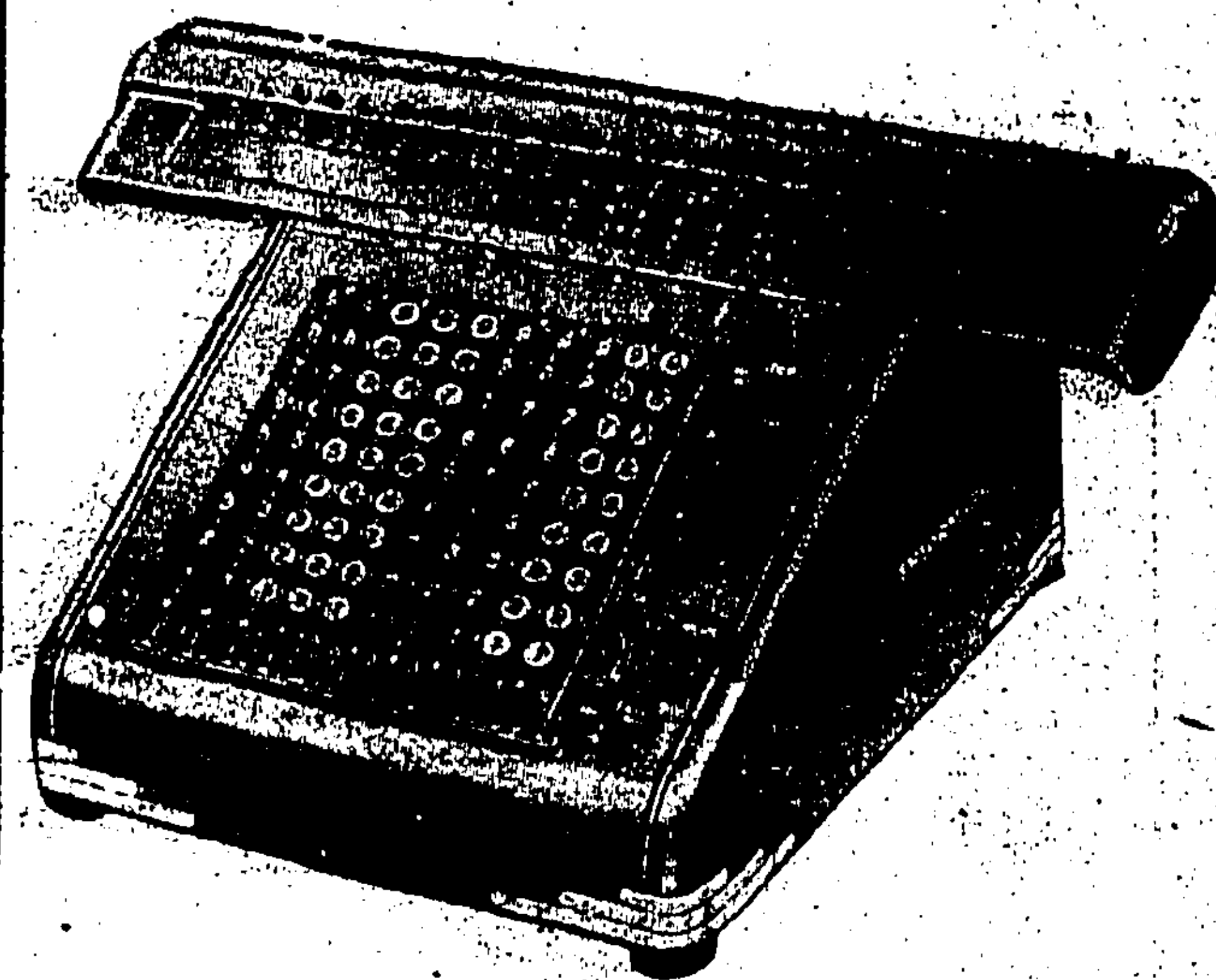
A 25 year old pilot officer, only two weeks on active service, has provided one of the war's most remarkable stories. After shooting down a Messerschmidt 109 in the Channel, he began to attack eight more. He sorted out one, gave it an eight-second burst and it fell away from the others. He jockeyed into position, pressed the button again—but nothing happened for he had used up all his ammunition. The pilot drew alongside the Messerschmidt and twice signalled the enemy pilot with a jerk of his thumb to get down but without response. He let the enemy machine draw ahead until its tail was abreast of the Hurricane's starboard wing. Then he waggled the Hurricane's wings and slapped the Nazi's tail clean off. It fell into the sea. More than a foot of the Hurricane's wing had been tipped off but the pilot dodged attacks by two Messerschmidts and panned to safety. Photo shows an airman examining the Hurricane's "clipped wing." (Copyright, Fox).



MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Premier, signs an autograph for a little admirer, a child, waiting a train to London. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, he has been inspecting more of British defences when making a "roughie tour" of coastal districts in East Angles. Mrs. Churchill can be seen in the background.—(Copyright, Fox).

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CRIPPS'S CHAMBERS WRECKED BY BOMB BY DINGHY TO SAFETY

I STOOD OVER the ruins of Sir Stafford Cripps's chambers in the Middle Temple, writes a London correspondent. Here before he became Ambassador to Russia he had sat preparing the law cases which gave him his reputation.

At my foot was a damp, dust-covered copy of "Laws of England." There was a smell of escaping gas, and brick dust was still in the air. A monument of England which a German bomb had wrecked.

Famous names lay dust-covered in the ruins. The Earl of Bickenhead, Sir Robert Aske, Sir Thomas Bethell, and Sir John Pratt (of the Foreign Office), and Mr. Justice Hallett. All their chambers had been ruined.

But their clerks still clamoured round the surveyor's office looking for rescued papers—papers of cases which might otherwise be held up for months.

The saddest damage was to the Middle Temple Hall, where Queen Elizabeth saw the first performance of "Twelfth Night."

This is no job for demolition parties. Here the craftsmen who have just completed the modern panelling of Church House, Westminster, will be at work for months sorting out debris. From it they will collect the remains of the famous old carved oak screen, presented by Flemish refugees from the Inquisition in gratitude for the hospitality of the benchers of the Middle Temple.

Carved by modern hands, it would cost thousands of pounds. With such a history it is priceless.

When the church's wings and suchlike pieces have been recovered from the wreckage, the debris will be put through a half-inch riddle.

Golden Hind Table

It will be like riddling for gold in the Klondyke. The smallest find might be worth pounds.

Fortunately the stained glass windows had been removed at the beginning of the war.

The double-hammer-beamed oak roof—with the exception of one part—the 28 ft.-long benchers' table made from a tree from Windsor Park, and the famous table made from the timber of the Golden Hind, Drake's ship, presented to the Inn by Queen Elizabeth, are safe.

The crew of a Royal Air Force bomber recently had a narrow escape from drowning after making a successful attack on Berlin. The Captain, a Canadian, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. said:

"We found ourselves in difficulties when we were off the Frisian Islands. It became obvious that we should have to come down on the sea.

"We lightened the aircraft as much as possible by jettisoning all surplus weight and nursing the engine. We hoped to find a conveyance and came down somewhere near to it, but no ship was sighted. In the meantime, we were getting nearer to England. Soon we saw the coast and our hopes ran a little higher, but unfortunately both engines spluttered and then stopped.

"I pancaked on to the water, and landed a quarter of a mile from the coast. The navigator and the rest of the crew had launched the dinghy by the time I had managed to scramble out of the cockpit.

"It was just as well the navigator had left his position because when we hit the water, which was rather like hitting concrete, the first decks were smashed and water just rushed into the aircraft. It did a kind of submarine dive and then came up again. We were soon about our dinghy and reached shore in about 45 minutes. We paddled the dinghy, propelled it shorewards with our hands and swam behind it to push along, and finally we reached safety."

70 BOMBS ON THAMES TOWN

A force of 100 bombers which attempted a surprise raid on a town near the mouth of the Thames accomplished little beyond the destruction of a number of small dwelling-houses and a working men's club. Only a few people are reported to have been killed.

A barrage of anti-aircraft fire gave the first warning of the raiders' approach. As people ran for shelter about 70 heavy bombs fell. Between 30 and 40 dropped right across the heart of the town.

At the outset the raiding force had consisted of at least 100 bombers and fighters, but a small number of Hurricanes intercepted them so effectively that the force was split into two. One formation turned tail, with the Hurricanes chasing it out to sea.

The other portion made a wide circle before approaching the town.

With the sun behind them they started a gradual dive towards their objective, which was apparently some of the docks. Long before that objective was reached, the A.A. barrage caught the raiders, which began to drop their bombs haphazardly.

Shelter Intact

Four of the enemy planes used a new technique, diving below the barrage to attack. At the end of the dive, they dropped their bombs and then sprayed buildings with machine-gun bullets. One bomb hit a shed, but the rest fell on waste land causing neither damage nor casualty.

Anderson shelters justified themselves completely. One had remained intact, although within two feet of it was the edge of a great crater. The people inside the shelter were suffering from shock, but were otherwise unhurt.

A few yards away, however, one of the little shelters had received a direct hit, and two girls were killed. A man who had declined to take cover and then at the last moment had changed his mind was killed as he was coming down the stairs, for the front of the house was blown away.

ATTEMPT TO RAM HEAD-ON

A Junkers 88 pilot became so desperate after a Blenheim fighter had chased him for over 50 miles that he attempted to ram his pursuer head-on. Suddenly turning at the end of the chase, he drove his Junkers straight at the Blenheim. He nearly succeeded, the bomber passing only ten yards underneath the fighter.

The Blenheim pilot had previously opened fire and damaged the bomber.

When last seen the bomber was flying slowly, with oil pouring out.

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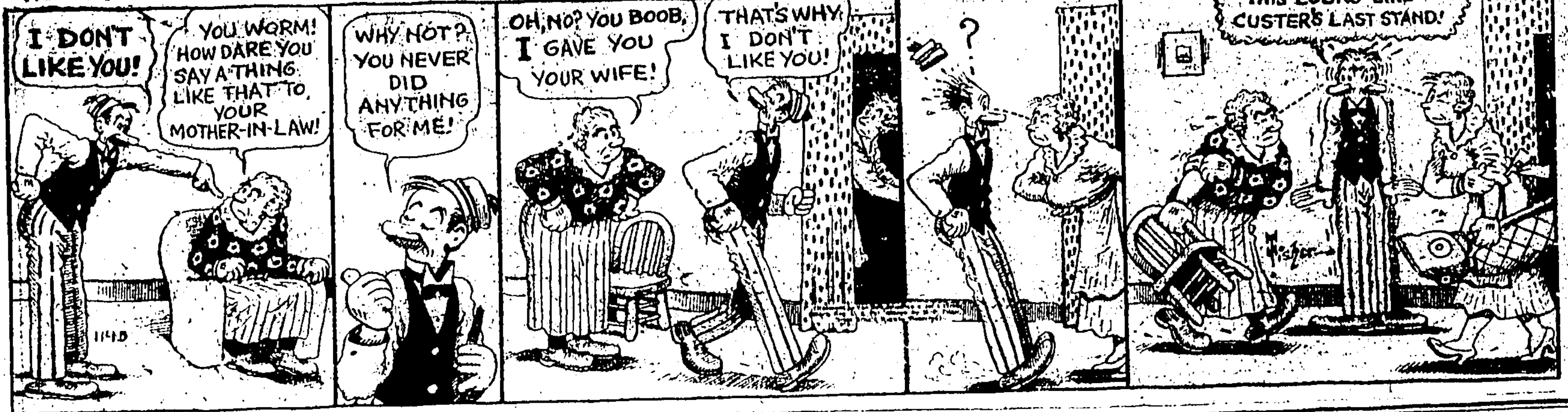


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CZECH SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia. It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Caslav, has been arrested together with two administrative functionaries who are accused of sabotage acts against the institution of food ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at upsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed by a widespread organisation, free of charge, amongst trustworthy Czech patriots. It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused is substantial.

M.P. CALLS AIRMAN PRINCE A "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

Mr. Wedgwood: Is it not rather indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight on our side, and should be paid by us in the war for democracy, and against all that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Balfour: I reject that suggestion wholeheartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

life in the air and fight in our cause, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on Austria at the end of the war?

Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is a different question from the one on the paper. If this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his life, he deserves our gratitude.

Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other aliens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgwood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

No reply was given. Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich. Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehr in Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria.

DAMAGES FOR SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property owners are giving to the national cause the sums awarded them as compensation for damage due to forced landings by R.A.F. aircraft. In the Isle of Wight a bomber came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turf near the cricket pitch.

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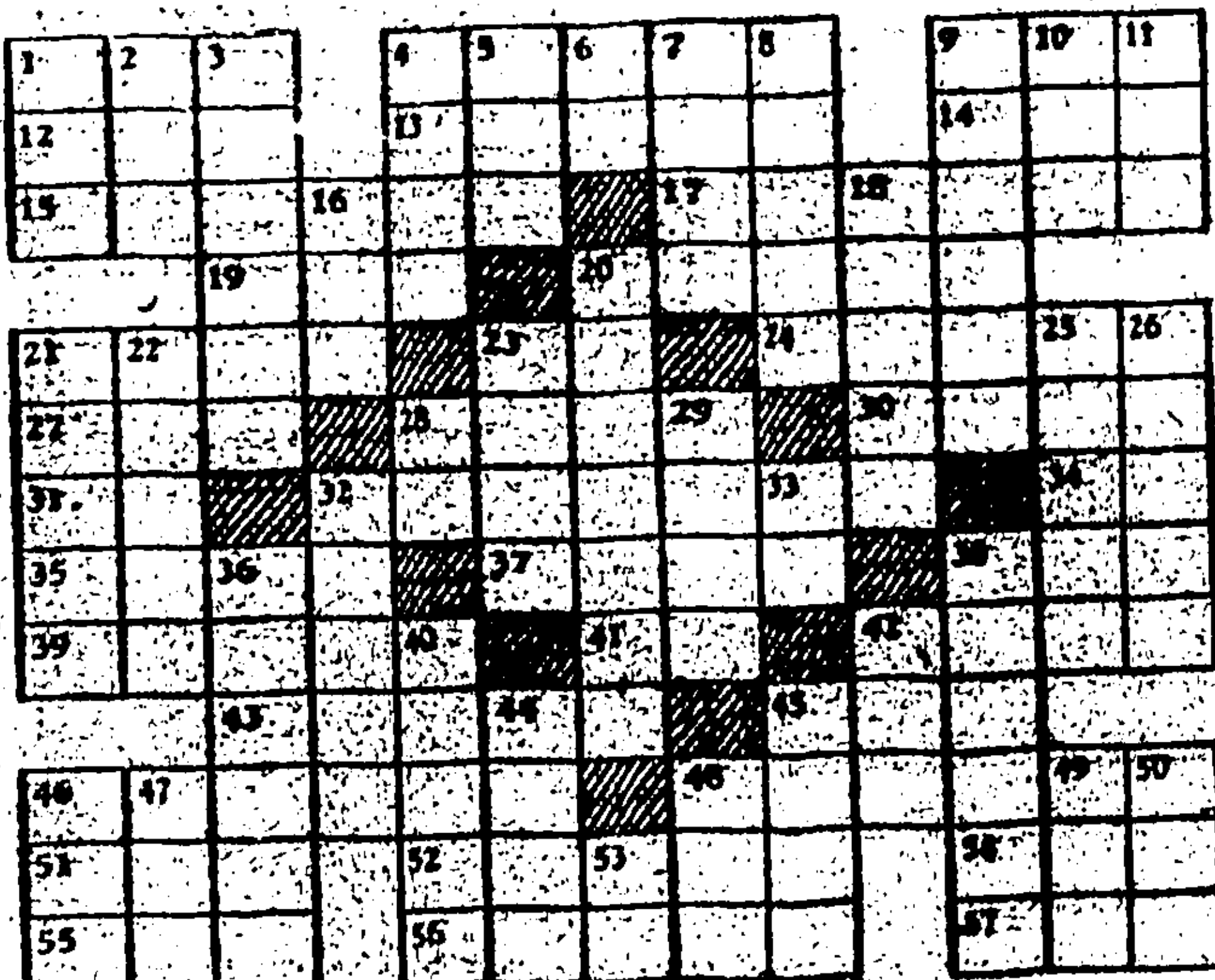
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- 17 Shoulder
- 19 Decade
- 20 To sting
- 21 Prophet
- 23 Symbol for gold
- 24 Laps
- 27 Sailor
- 28 Poisonous snakes
- 30 To demonstrate
- 31 Bone
- 32 To sit forth
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- 38 Exposed
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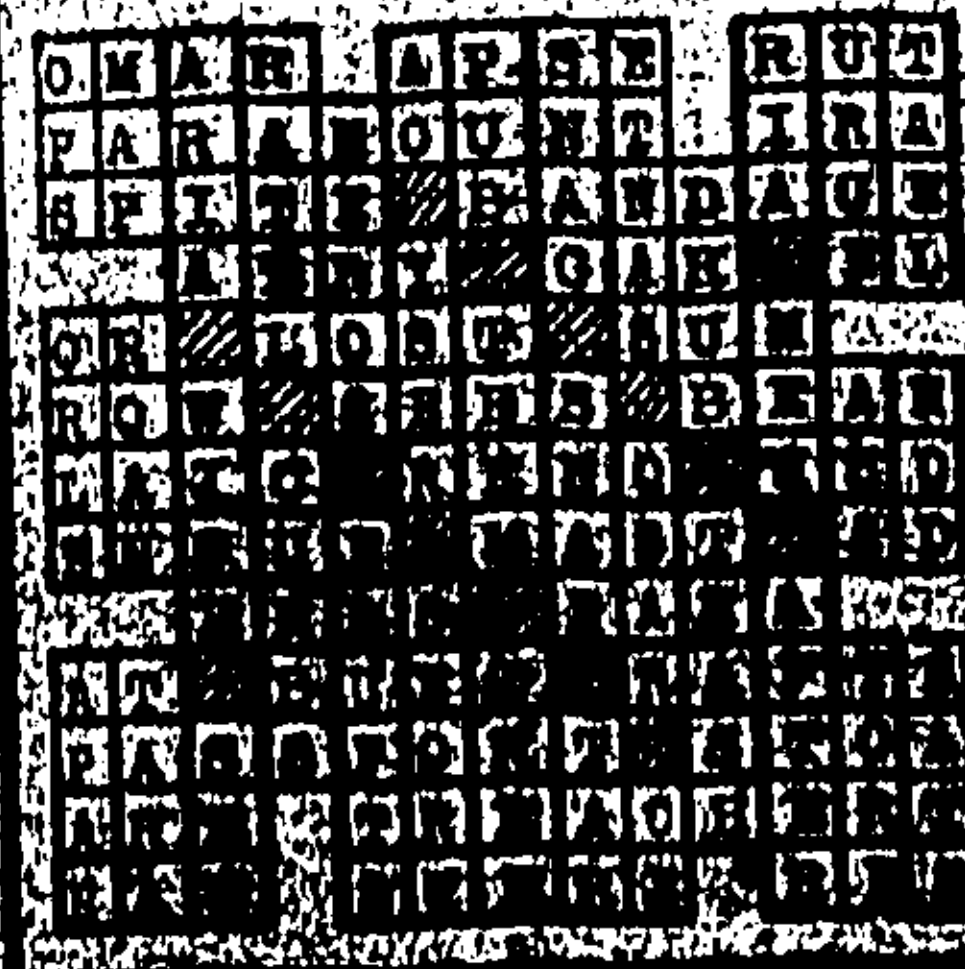
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- 51 Former Turkish officer
- 52 Fog-horn
- 54 Ocean
- 55 Lettuce genus
- 56 Growing out
- 57 To leap

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- 2 Beverage
- 3 Repetition of slight sounds
- 4 To reach
- 5 Slang friend
- 6 While
- 7 Entry
- 8 Asiatic kingdom
- 9 To grasp

- 10 To lubricate
- 11 Small
- 12 Pronoun
- 13 To ascend
- 14 To assume
- 15 As true
- 16 Ancient Roman emperor
- 17 Painter's stand
- 18 Ancient stringed instrument
- 19 Chicken
- 20 To affirm
- 21 Hand
- 22 Measure
- 23 Competition for a single voice
- 24 Verbs
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M.P.'S AMAZING OUTBURST IN COMMONS

MR. H. G. WELLS WAS DENOUNCED AS AN AGNOSTIC REPUBLICAN AND THEREFORE A BAD REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN LORD WINTERTON (CON., HORSHAM) ASKED IN PARLIAMENT WHY HE GOT AN EXIT PERMIT TO LECTURE THERE.

"For years Mr. Wells has been saying to the British public: 'You will always be fools and I will never be a gentleman,' and the people good-humouredly acquiesced.

"It does not matter what he says for home consumption; what concerns me is granting such a man an exit permit in the certain knowledge that he will use all his publicity power to denigrate [blacken] his country abroad and, of all places, in the United States, when in this hour of our greatest peril, we enjoy more sympathy for our unity and moral strength than ever before in our history.

"Wells has a peculiar and bitter attitude towards what is after all the accepted faith of millions of people in the world, and not the least in the United States.

"Avowed opponents of Christianity get short shrift from the hands of electors in the United States. Yet we allow to go there, as representing Britain and British literature, a man who prides himself on being the opponent of all religion, who says there is no such thing, and that it is medieval superstition."

Lord Winterton repeated the "sins" of H. G. Wells as reported in his lectures in the United

States—his sneers at Labour politicians and his description of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, as "the quintessence of everything that an Englishman should not be."

But what really hurt him was Wells's description of Lord Gort as "our praying general." "Why should he attack a man with such a brilliant record of gallantry and leadership as Lord Gort?" he cried.

"Lord Gort's crime in Wells's eyes is that he dares confess himself to be a Christian—that he belongs to a creed which Mr. Wells in his declining years, attacks with such vituperation.

"Lord Gort is an easy target because Wells knows that he cannot answer as a serving soldier. I can imagine an eighteenth-century atheist saying: 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse; they are blackguardly.'"

French Sneers

It made one doubt, said Lord Winterton, whether Mr. Wells is still in the full plenitude of his mental powers. He hoped that might be the reason.

A more sinister explanation was his resemblance to French writers, who before the collapse of France, sneered at Christian generals and at republicans.

Mr. Wells, like these Frenchmen, professed his hatred of Hitlerism. But if Hitler had an enemy in the world whom he need not worry about, it was H. G. Wells, said Lord Winterton, because Wells was helping Hitler.

Opinion in Parliament was divided, and Mr. Wells found a champion in Mr. Shinwell (Lab., Seaham) who said: "Mr. Wells has frequently attacked the Labour Party. But so has Lord Winterton. Is that any reason

why we should cancel his permit? We are fighting for liberty of expression. There is no half-way house. No M.P. has the right to preclude the expression of opinion of Mr. Wells or any one else."

"Praying General"

Mr. Magnay (Liberal-National, Gateshead) interjected that Wells had no right to sneer at Gort as a "praying general."

Mr. Shinwell: "But he is a praying general, just as you are a praying politician. We don't think the less of him for being so described."

Turning to Mr. Peake, the Home Office Under-Secretary responsible for the grant of exit permits, Mr. Shinwell said: "You have a choice. Either you can leave Wells over there along with Grace Fields and—who is it?" Mr. Shinwell hesitated—"Mark Antony?"

Some one said: "You mean Monty Banks?"

Mr. Shinwell corrected himself, and great laughter, and added: "And Noel Coward, and I believe there is an honourable member of this House who finds Hollywood more salubrious than this House."

An M.P.: "You mean Hawaii."

"Either you can leave him there fulminating against praying generals and incompetent politicians—there are incompetent politicians even in London—or you can bring him home." (Mr. Peake shook his head)—"or put him in a concentration camp. That would please those who are not agnostics and not republicans."

"A War On"

"No, it won't wash," exclaimed Mr. Shinwell after this piece of rhetoric. "Let H. G. Wells talk and talk. Let the Noel Cowards coquette, and the Grace Fields show their graces. Let them play about as they care. We have a war on in this country, and we have to win it."

Mr. Peake said it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United States that we would give permits only to those whose views were favourable to the present British Government.

It must be left to the good sense of the American public to assess the value of Mr. Wells's views for themselves.

"It is important for this country that as many dollars as possible should be earned by British subjects," Mr. Peake added. "They may earn these dollars primarily for themselves, but the Treasury sees that these dollars are placed at its disposal in exchange for sterling."

"The more eminent the person, the greater the number of dollars which will eventually be at the disposal of the Treasury. Mr. Wells may therefore be regarded as an invisible export. That ended the debate."



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WOMEN AND THE WAR

Nothing could demonstrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the temper of the National Conference of Labour Women at Southport. Of 300 delegates from Labour organisations all over the country only three dissented from a resolution to the effect that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion. Nobody can suspect these women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt that they know from intimate experience the terrible cost of war in life, health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in domestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one country after another in the last months of 1918, spreading death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world." The whole weight of this body of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our ill-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands go through life disabled in health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious circle must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk about the ideology of loving-kindness or common sense or right and justice. All the decencies of existence have been able to get along very comfortably without any ideologies in the jargon sense of to-day to support them; it is only the smash-and-grab raid and the system of oppression which call for that particular verbal buttress. And so we reach the curious conclusion that a term which was originally

SOMETHING closer than mere occasional cooperation—something closely approaching union—has now appeared on the horizon of Anglo-American relations. Both in London and Washington, serious consideration is being given for the first time to deeper implications of the need for co-ordinating National defence plans of Great Britain and the United States. As a result, there is a steadily growing conviction that the underlying unity of interests and mutual security of the two English-speaking peoples must find expression in more permanent and far-reaching form of cooperation hardly distinguishable from some measure, at least, of union.

This is the climax that has lately been reached by one of the most significant undercurrents stirred by war. Relations between America and Great Britain have unquestionably been hurled forward and upward by the course of recent world events.

Effect Of Election

Outcome of the American Presidential election appears likely to favour and further this trend. In Britain Mr. Roosevelt is rightly

or wrongly looked upon as the greatest possible exponent of ever closer and more active cooperation between the American and British peoples.

In any case, there is no doubt Nazism and Fascism with their ever-expanding ambitions of

By Mallory Browne

world domination have since the beginning of the war whipped up the normally sluggish stream of Anglo-American relations into a rushing torrent. As Mr. J. L. Garvin of "The Observer," wrote recently, history will probably record the ironical fact that Adolf Hitler's greatest achievement was to unite Britain and America.

Actually, of course, Herr Hitler and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwittingly and unwittingly helped precipitate a trend that has long been inherent in the basic unity of origin and ideals of two countries. It is not abstract idealism, how-

ever, but practical problems of defence—a very realistic and immediate mutual danger and need of meeting it—that has given the recent tendency toward far-reaching Anglo-American cooperation.

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude jolt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole continent under totalitarian terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States. Simultaneously, or nearly so, America realised that her own security depended on aiding Britain. This mutual awakening to their interdependence in the matters of security and defence led to the formation of the American-Canadian Joint Defence Board and thence to agreement whereby the United States obtained much-needed naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the Royal Navy.

These two pacts, however, vital and historic innovations as they were, are but main outward signs of a co-ordination of defence

means and measures of two nations that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in detail at this stage. Production of planes, design and manufacture of tanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments, and military, naval, air staffs that cannot fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic political fields. The same applies to economic financial matters under present total war conditions.

Peace Also Considered

Nevertheless, it is at least as much for peace and reconstruction as for war that Britain is looking toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the number and calibre of British people who to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint Anglo-American task. Cabinet Ministers, labour leaders, military and naval chiefs have expressed privately—and more cautiously in public statements as well—their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently upon occasion, but lastingly upon a far-seeing basis, is there any real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years. Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved permanently on the basis of justice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving peace as well as aiding administration of justice.

It is to the late Lord Lothian that much of the credit for progress in Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London. His success in replacing previous distrusts and coldness by confidence and good will has won recognition on both sides of the Atlantic as an outstanding diplomatic achievement of democracy—fitting reply to "force-diplomacy" of totalitarian dictatorships.

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress, however, it is vital to realise that relations between the United States and Britain are emphatically in a state of transition. One has only to recall the friction that flared up over the British opening of American mails less than a year ago to appreciate this point. Events have moved fast and far since then, but Anglo-American cooperation still is in a state of flux.

Much depends now on whether the United States enters the war; and if so, how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes to the plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry" aid to Britain—aid deeply appreciated but dearly bought, too—it should not be forgotten—it is in the first place doubtful whether any country would have any say in framing peace except Germany; and in the second place it is certain that even if Britain finally won with only commercial assistance from the United States, America could hardly expect to have much say about the peace settlement that would follow.

One of Many Questions

Fortunately for the future of Anglo-American unity, there is evidence that this important fact is being frankly faced. This is only one of countless thorny questions and difficulties that must be solved before union—even a very modest partial measure of union—between Britain and America becomes practical.

Nevertheless, the current of thought in both countries is today flowing strongly—more strongly than ever before in history—in that direction, and this unquestionably constitutes one of the most encouraging aspects of the warring world in transition.

Pawn In Asian Strategy

(By A Special Correspondent)

When the Government at Bangkok in 1939 discarded the name Siam for the more ancient and honourable title of Muang Thai—Land of the Free—it convinced no one, except perhaps the Siamese themselves, that Thailand had not won and still retained her independence by the grace of her more powerful neighbours.

Thailand's present position ominously resembles that of some European States. Her claims to territory outside her present borders are based, like those of Germany, on ancient boundaries won by conquest and on the presence of Siamese minorities in the disputed areas. Her ambition is to embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the Shan States of Burma, and even the provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan in China, and she claims that within these areas are Siamese-speaking minorities totalling 11,000,000—or more than Thailand's present population.

These ambitions have been encouraged by Japan, who, under the cloak of aiding Thailand's national aspirations, has steadily directed Siamese policy for her own advantage. It was Japanese influence which caused Thailand to embarrass the Chinese Government at a critical stage of the Sino-Japanese war, and the same influence is responsible for Thailand's present pressure on French Indo-China.

In very similar circumstances, Germany encouraged Poland in her demands on Czechoslovakia, and aided Slovakia against the Czechs. Far Eastern observers have not failed to draw the comparison, and to point out the danger to Thailand's independence should she eventually stand in the way of a too-powerful Japan.

Japanese Infiltration

Thailand entered the twentieth century with her ancient border quarrels apparently ended, and she turned with great enthusiasm

concerned with the absolute value of pure ideas now means something which is poisonous or contemptible. It would be rather a good thing if such a remarkable example of debased verbal currency could be dropped altogether. Unfortunately it is one of those words which exercise a fatal fascination over victims of the jargon complex. They, at any rate, become only too easily "wrapped up" in ideologies.

to the promotion of internal reforms and the modernisation of her agriculture, industry, and institutions.

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found nationalism was aided by her neighbours, particularly Britain and Japan, and received impetus after the bloodless political and social revolution of 1932, which was followed by the founding of a virtual military dictatorship.

The Japanese, in aiding Thailand, have entrenched themselves in the country's life. Practically every Government department, the army, the navy, the majority of the banks, and nearly all commercial firms have Japanese advisers. Japan now occupies the same commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia.

Japan has played cleverly on the enthusiastic nationalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Cambodia was "seized" by the French, or to insist that for 50 years Thailand's industrial and financial activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese foreign policy.

Thailand has apparently failed to realise Japan's ulterior aims; selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is now so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok Government is rapidly losing the very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

The reports which have circulated from time to time of rifts in the relations between Thailand and Japan have invariably originated in Tokyo. In every case the reports have proved false, and have been designed, apparently, to lull Thailand's neighbours into a false estimate of Japan's influence in the strategically important little kingdom.

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's relations with Thailand dates back to 1814, and despite the rise of British influence, to-day Japan plays a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thailand was one nation which refused to vote against Japan when the League of Nations condemned the campaign against Manchukuo.

During the last eight years when Siamese nationalism has been changing the course and shape of Thailand, the Japanese have utilised the new trend of thought among a careless, carefree, but vain and intensely patriotic people for their own advantage. Japan has increased her trade with Thailand, and linked her ports to

those in Siam by fast steamer services. Experienced Japanese publicists have been sent to Thailand to explain "the New Order in East Asia."

Japan, in short, has "got in on the ground floor" of Siamese nationalism, and her agents have won to key positions throughout the country.

Under a military dictatorship herself, Thailand has looked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationalism. Not since 1917, when she declared war on Germany, has she stressed national defence so much as now. Since 1932 the amount spent on defence each year has more than doubled, and now accounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has been introduced, and the army has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10,000 non-commissioned officers.

Most of the officers have been trained in Japan, and Japan also built 85 per cent. of the small, but modern, fleet, which now includes a destroyer, four submarines, and 18 torpedo-boats. Eighty-five per cent. also of the officers in Thailand's navy were trained in Japan, and the extent to which Japan has influenced the country's new military power is shown by the fact that some commands are given in the Japanese language.

A similar rejuvenation has taken place in the air force, which has grown from five planes in 1935 to more than 150 front-line American fighting planes to-day.

Running A Risk

Discontent with the present order as the result of a growth of nationalism among a backward people has been fostered by Japan for her own ends with conspicuous success in Thailand, and what is true there is true in other Eastern countries, though not to the same extent. Nowhere has Japan expended so much effort with such success as among the Siamese.

Efforts by Britain and France to check Thailand's tendency to become a puppet State taking orders from Tokyo have met with some success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neutrality. But to-day Japanese power in Eastern waters and along Thailand's borders is in the ascendancy. Encouraged by Japan and anxious to take advantage of the new situation, the Siamese are apparently willing to assist the growth of Japanese power in the Far East and run the risk of themselves becoming subservient to an ally whom they helped to power.

Should that situation arise, Britain's interests, as well as those of Thailand, will be endangered, for beyond Thailand lie Malaya and Burma, gateways to Australia and India.

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Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. To the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of the shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

I challenged him to 201 up at darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dart into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee wailed. That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking out whistle.

Into the street he ran, blowing the alert. Then back he came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the boy as they hurried in. "You're here first again!"

The floor is Joe's desk. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid, among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary; Taffy Young, an aircraftman on leave; Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the tavern next door.

The phone rang. Joe picked it up, fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for nearly a year," Joe told me. "I volunteered on October 28 last year. I'm unpaid."

"I'm no good to the Army. But I can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do."

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner."

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cops to send—and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he said. "But I want to be outside—in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice. He shepherds the elderly and children to shelter.

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show, performing with his feet, tricks many men cannot do with their hands. The war killed that. Now he has no job except A.R.P. And that is unpaid. He lives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

A Hampden bomber, somewhere in England, now boasts of having two V.C.s stationed there, though they are not in the same squadron.

The two heroes are Sergeant John Hannah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

The bomber squadron to which Sergeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland in 1917, and a few months later it began operations in France. In one operation in the last war six pilots carried out a dangerous mission, and each of them received the D.F.C.

In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputation, and before Sergeant Hannah's act of bravery, it had earned one D.S.O., thirteen D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s.

BERLIN ASKS "HOW LONG?"

The Berlin correspondent of the "Hufvudstadsblad" reports that Berliners are becoming resigned to a second winter of war, and are only asking whether decisive military action may be expected next year and whether the R.A.F. intend to continue, and for how long, flying over and bombing Germany.

The Berlin Press is trying to console the population of the capital by claiming that the authorities are going to use the winter to consolidate the positions acquired in foreign territory and by stressing the people's ability to sustain the coming winter's rigours with the same courage as was displayed last winter.

"He's the most useful man I've got," Les Couchman said. "He did a grand job when we took the gas-mask census. He saw that everyone's mask fitted properly."

Joe smiled, and got on with his job.

"Here, Son," Les called a minute later. "I've got a new job for you—distribution of earplugs."

"Right," replied Joe. "I'll be there." And he will.

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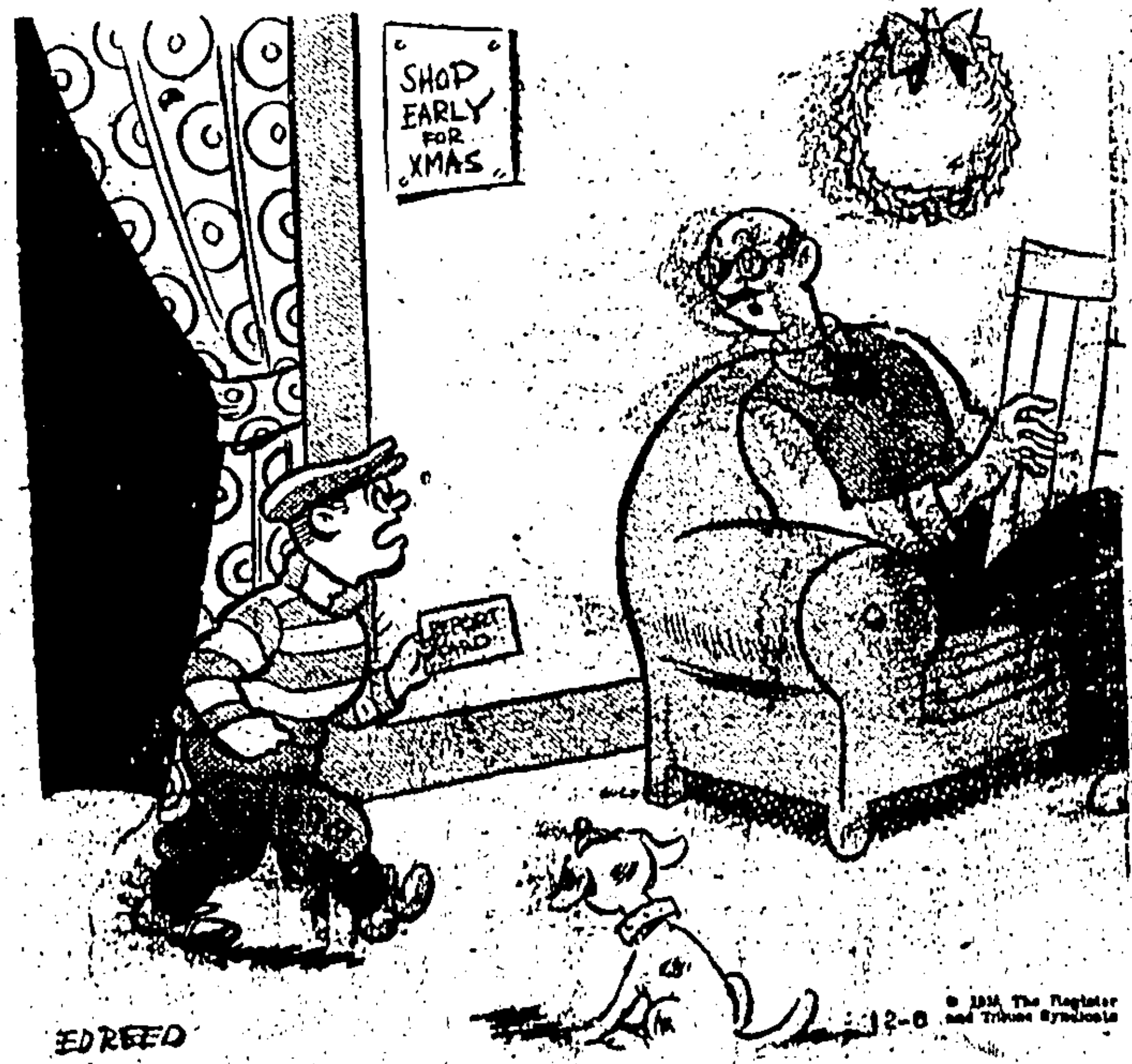
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Playing For The Contract

By The Four Aces

When played in a tournament, today's hand was made only by the player who safeguarded his contract.

South Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ J 7
♦ K 7 8 5
♣ J 10 4
J 6 3
♥ A K Q 9
♦ 5
♣ J 9
♠ K Q 5
♠ A Q 9 8
♥ 4
♦ A 10 2
♣ A 9 8 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Dbl. Pass 1♥
1♠ 3♥ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

A game contract was reached at only three tables and the bidding difficulty should have convinced the three Declarers that they could earn a good score without making overtricks.

But two of them fell by the wayside. In each case West opened the hearts, and South ruffed the second round. But one Declarer made the mistake of drawing three rounds of trumps. West got in with the club Queen to lead another heart, punching out dummy's last trump, and then West still had two established hearts to take when he regained the lead with the club King.

The second Declarer drew only the Ace and Queen of trumps, properly enough, but then led a diamond to dummy's King to take the club finesse. West won with the Queen of clubs and returned the Queen of diamonds. Then nothing could stop West from making a diamond trick as well as the inevitable heart and two clubs.

The successful Declarer drew two rounds of trumps with the Ace and Queen—and then cashed the club Ace! A low club allowed West to win, but now no defence could defeat South. A heart return would give South eleven tricks and a diamond return by West would be taken by dummy, and East's last trump would be drawn. Then another club would be conceded, and South get the

lead with the diamond Ace to discard dummy's losing diamonds on the established clubs.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A J 7 8

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Males
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
1♥ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. It would be unwise to bid no-trump yourself with so little in the unbid suit, but your jump in clubs shows the strength of your hand and indicates that you lack the spade strength necessary for no-trump.

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Question No. 601

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:
Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby
1♣ Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer

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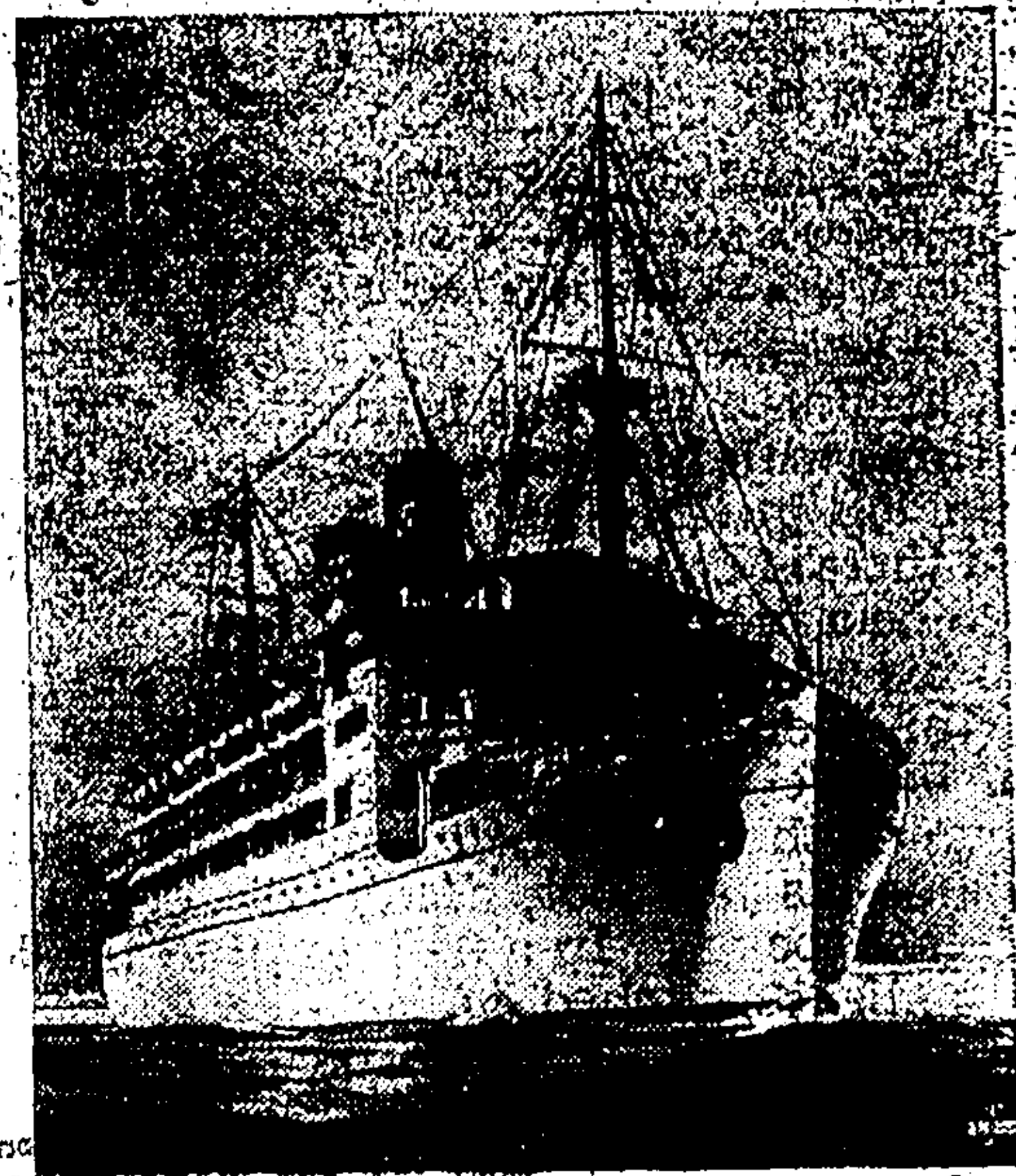
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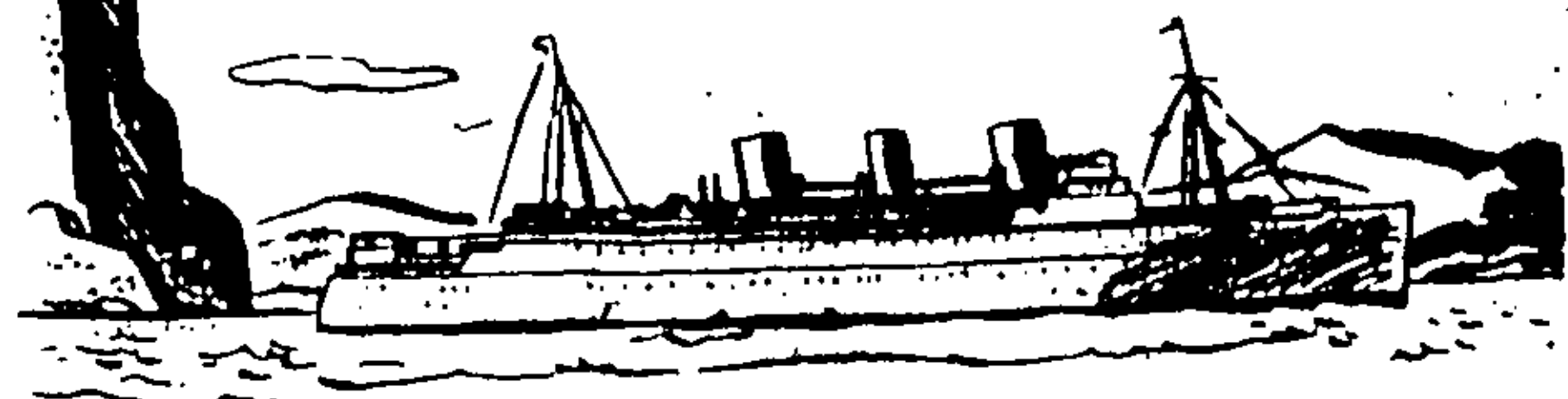
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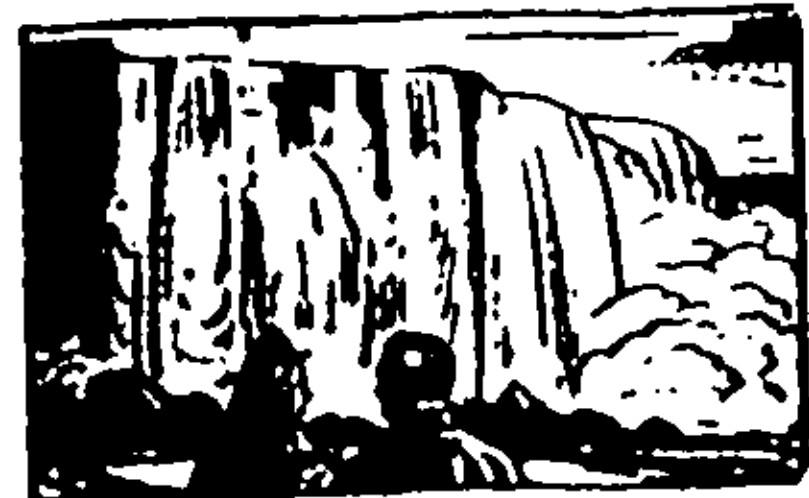


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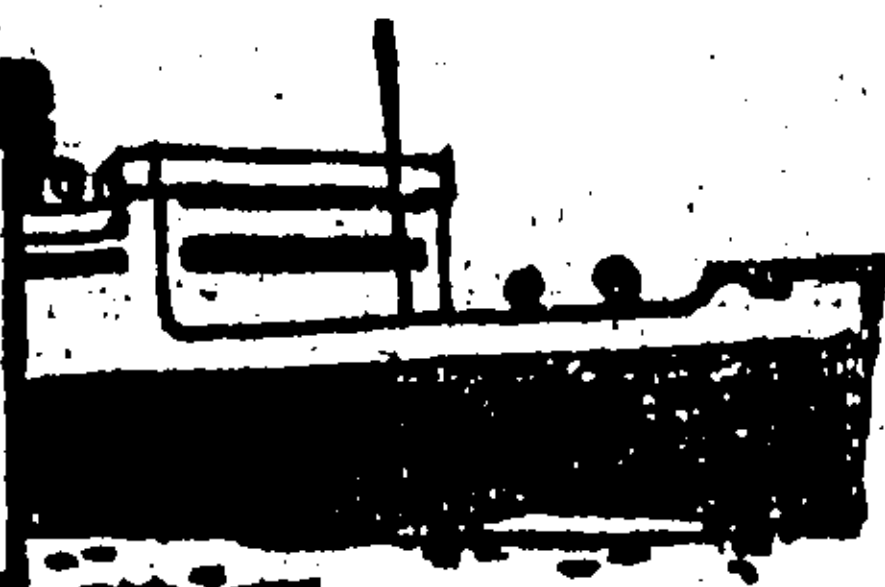
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G.P.O. & K.P.O.

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Reg. (1/1) 10 a.m.
Ord. (2/1) 8.30 a.m.

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1.05 p.m.—Hubert Eladell (Tenor) and Burnmouth Municipal Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Report and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Bordic Quartet No. 2 in D Major.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
2.40 p.m.—Indian Programme.
3.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
3.35 p.m.—Variety.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
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8.05 p.m.—This week's programmes.
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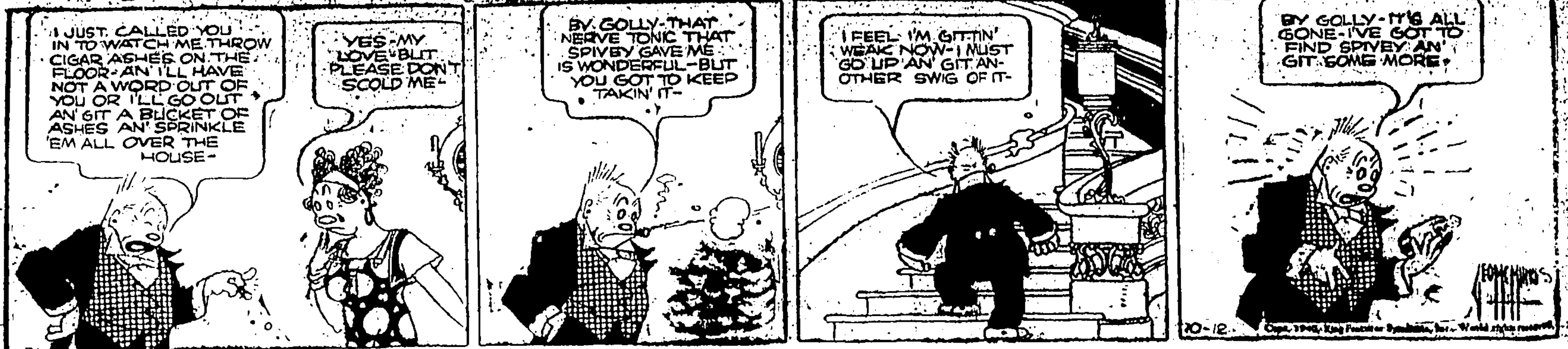
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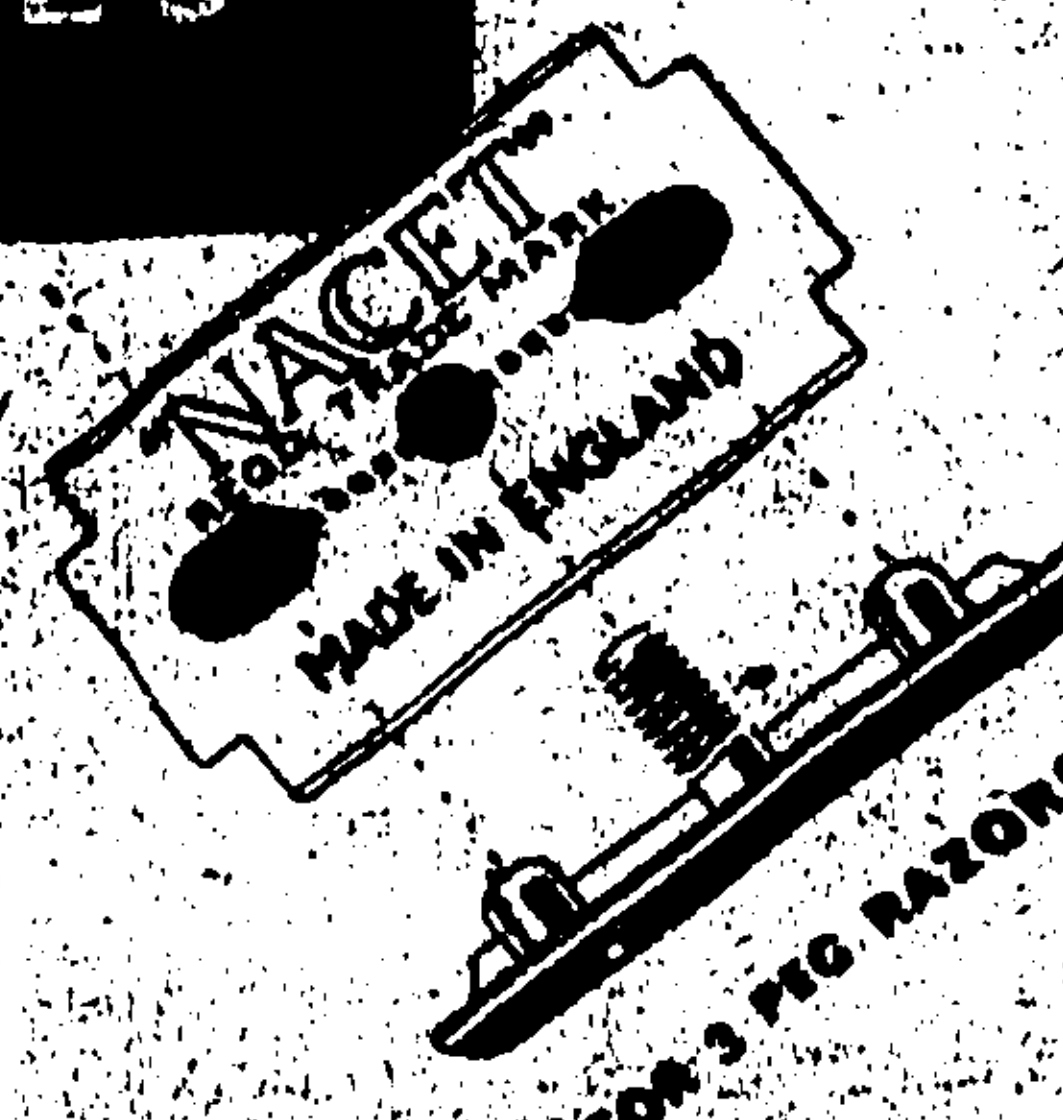
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Feature of the match was the bright batting of the Volunteers.	A. Zimmerman, b. Aulsebrook	10
Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-hit 32.	R. H. Griffiths, c Duke, b Bateman	16
	L. T. Ride, l.b.w., b. Bateman	0
	D. McEllen, not out	1
	Extras (B5, LB3)	8
	Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	278
	N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons and K. M. Baxter did not bat.	
	Bowling Analysis	

		Bowling Analysis			
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The brightest battling of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit brilliantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 minutes.	Fergus	10	1	83	2
	Alsey	6	1	51	1
	Bateman	10	1	66	3
	Duke	2	0	21	0
	Devetroux	5	0	49	0

Anderson batted with enter-
prise throughout the
scored 117 not out.
He hit 13
fours, Mackay eight,
Attwell five
and Griffiths eight.

Bateman was easily the best
 Scots' bowler although his analysis
 does not make impressive reading.
 Special mention must be made
 of the fine catch taken by Major
 Godley to dismiss Perry. The
 Civil Service player hit a half
 volley with tremendous force to
 mid-off where Godley held the
 chance about a foot off the ground.

McLellan
 Capt. Paterson, c. Baxter, b. McLellan
 Lt. Fergus, lbw, b. Parsons
 Sgt. Dwyer, b. Perry
 Mr. Newson, st. Zimmerman, b. Booker
 Sgt. Taylor, c. Ryle, st. Booker
 Mr. Penwood, not out
 Extras, (113, NB1)

Total
 Bowling Analysis

chance about a foot on the ground. Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp strokes and shaping very confidently. After he had scored 32, however, he played a ball on to his pads and thence on to the wicket. Fergus appeared likely to get runs but was bowled to Parsons when nine.

Batter	5	1	28
Mitcham	4	0	13
Parsons	4	0	13
Perry	2	0	5
Booker	1	7	5

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Capt. Duke, st. Zimmerman, b. Perry	1	0	0
Pte. Bateman, b. Bide	1	0	0
Cpl. Absy, c. Griffiths, b. Bide	1	0	0
1st. Private, 15 w. b. Bide	1	0	0

Lt. Ford, L.W., b. 1906.
Lt. Fergus, C. Booker, b. Muckay
Sgt. Davenport, Perry, b Mackay
Cpl. Peacock, I.W., b. Mackay
Pte. Newson, C. Anderson, b. Attwell
Sgt. Taylor, not out

Extras (B3)

Total (for 8 wickets)
Bowling Analysis:

	O.	M.	R.	E.

VOLUNTEERS				
			Anderson	4 0 17
		49	Ride	4 0 13
N. A. E. Mackay, b. Bateman		117	Perry	2 1 2
D. J. N. Anderson, not out			Atwell	4 0 28
K. J. Attwell, b. Fergus		32	Mackay	2 3 10
A. E. Perry, c. Godley, b. Fergus		10		

In the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Championship at Fanling yesterday, F. Groves beat Col. H. B. Rose by two and one after being two up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard, but the match was interesting and exciting.

Fine bowling by H. F. Lee was insufficient to give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" in an inter-Faculty match at Potlulum yesterday, and the result was a draw.

Dee took 6 for 29 but Medicals still had three wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. Hong Choy was in great form with the bat and scored 52 for the Engineers.

ENGINEERS		
H. P. Leep, b Gupta		17
R. S. Lien, b w, b Mahmood		18
G. Hong Choy, b Amplaavanar		52
H. F. Ho, b Gupta		9
F. Kwai, c Amplaavanar, b Gupta		9
F. T. Lam, b Gupta		5
H. Singh, b Mahmood		5
B. Henthia, b Amplaavanar		0
F. S. Tee, run out		0
Y. W. Yeung, not out		4
V. Vorsveff, b Mahmood		34
Extras (B34)		

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddies—on the rickshaw coolie variety and others—A. K. Mackenzie played himself in at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Caddies in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150 and 200, crowded the course in quest of the captain's first ball and the coveted dollar that went with it. Mackenzie hit a 200 yrd drive down the fairway, the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a richshaw coolie caddy, who brought back the bacon and took away a dollar!

Owing to indisposition. His Excellency the Acting Governor was unable to be present.

Football

THE defeat of Service Corps by 30th R.A. at Stanley was the only unexpected football result on Saturday. South China and Engineers, leading teams in Second Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hot on the heels of Air Force for Third Division honours and on Saturday accounted for International, only team yet to beat Air Force.

First Division results were as expected though the game between Navy and Middlesex was keenly contested.

NAVY won the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament by beating Army by 11 points to nil on Club ground after holding a six point lead at the interval.

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club held its Closing Day on Saturday, when prizes won during the season were presented by Sir Atholl MacGregor, acting President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who also took part in the day's match.

ALTHOUGH scoring was high Saturday's cricket program had some good bowling feats were registered best being Macauley's for 20 for D.B.S. against Cr Service.

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a newcomer to the Colony, from Kwangtung Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time.

Lee led all the way to win the race comfortably by about three-quarters of a lap from Signalmun Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals. Private Manson, of Royal Scots, who was one of the favourites for this race, faded out poorly and gave up after finishing only 16 rounds.

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole Vault event for Members at 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu Fock-sing, who was second, by no less than two inches.

Mr. Fok Po-chui distributed the prizes to the winners.

OPEN EVENTS
10,000 Metres—1, Lee Yuk-foon; 2, Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kim-fan. Time: 38 min. 7 sec.
Men's 1,600 Metres Relay (Team of four)—1, South China Athletic Association; 2, Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Nam University. Time: 3 min. 58 sec.
Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four. Under five feet)—1, King's College and 2, Wah Yan College.
Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four)—1, Ling Nam University; 2, South China Athletic Association and 3, Wah Yan College. Time: 48 sec.
Ladies 400 Metres Relay (Team of four)—1, French Convent and 2, South

H. Owen Hughes had the best batting performance of the day and registered a fine century. Leading bats were:-

H. Owen Hughes	103
D. J. N. Anderson	79
A. J. Hulse	77
T. Stimson	69
C. W. Lam	68
A. H. Madar	66
C. N. Matthews	62
A. R. Safflad	56
H. A. Barros	55
J. E. Richardson	55
T. A. Pearce	54
F. Goodwin	52
P. M. N. da Silva	51
T. G. C. Knight	49
F. Baker	46
Spr. Bailey	41
D. Hung	39
L. Jernakoff	31
J. M. Gosano	2
J. Barrow	2
A. B. Hamson	3
G. Stone	3
A. R. Minu	3

W. Macauley	8 for 2
G. Stone	7 for 4
E. Fawkins	6 for 1
C. W. Lum	6 for 2
M. R. Abbas	5 for 4
Ingleby	4 for 3
U. H. Esmail	4 for 4
H. Danbrowsky	4 for 4
E. Baker	4 for 4
N. Singh	4 for 8

Following were yesterday's softball results:

Girls:
Panthers 20, Las Florinas 8.
Wildcats 13, Cardinals 5.
Ramblerettes 20, Ching Hwa 13.

First Division
Hong Kong Baseballers 10, St.
Joseph's 8
Cyclones 4, Canucks 3
Indians 14, Philippines 0

Second Division
Cosmopolitans 13 Engineers 4.
R.A.F. 21. Scouts 2.
V.R.C. 295. E.B.A. 11.
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SING TAO EASILY BEAT KWONG WAH

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 minutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by four clear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score.

Sing Tao were not at full strength, being without the services of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for the first time since his injury against Eastern.

It was only occasionally that Kwong Wah forwards were seen in any real attacking movements. Cheuk Shek-kam played on the right wing and though he sent over several good centres the other forwards found Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang too good for them. Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack. Yeung Tse-chong worked hard at wing half but did not assist his forward very much.

Soong Ling-sing was outstanding in the Sing Tao defence. Occupying the pivotal position he kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Slow Wing

Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pak-wah were slow on the left wing. The former was badly in need of practice while Ip was not accurate with his passes. Fortunately for Sing Tao, both Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing played up to form as these were the only forwards able to do anything of note with the ball. Both were guilty however,

of wild shooting from good positions.

Sing Tao took the lead 15 minutes from the start through Lai Shui-wing when he beat Chung Pak-wah and sent in a hard drive. Shortly after Tang Kwong-sum increased the lead when he was sent through by Lai Shui-wing and had no difficulty from close in.

In the second half Lai Shui-

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
Sing Tao	4	Kwong Wah 0
SECOND DIVISION		
Sing Tao	4	Kwong Wah 0
Police	5	Kit Chee 3
THIRD DIVISION		
12th R.A.	2	A.S.A. 0
Medicals	2	7th R.A. 2

wing headed in a centre from Yeung Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheong added another. Kwong Wah:—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wah; Chung Pak-wah; Cheung Shui-fai; Chung Kim-fai; Leung Chi-cheong; Cheuk Shek-kam; Tin Yun-fat; Chin Chi-fun; Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

Sing Tao:—Cheung Wing-choy; Hau Yung-sang; Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai; Soong Ling-sing; Luk Tat-hang; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheong; Lai Shui-wing; Ip Pak-wah and Yeung Shui-yick.

C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the season's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Saturday over a distance of 8.6 miles, Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J. Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the course.

The race for the Mixed Class was won by Ailsa (Capt. W. A. Ingram) with Widgeon (Major G. H. Brown) second and Owl (G. L. Eastgate) third. There were four entries.



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POPULAR NAVAL TRIUMPH

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Navy have won the 1940-41 Rugby Tournament, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available, Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their triumph. It was indeed unfortunate that he was unable to play in any of the five games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday.

Paul, Honeywill and a hard-working pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set scrums nine times out of ten for practically threequarters of the game. Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullified all their best efforts.

Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead of them, against Club, before they can be even runners-up.

Club easily accounted for Police, who were lost without Wall.

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Soekunpoo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Chung Wing-choy (Sing Tao) Tang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao) Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao) Hau King-seng (Eastern) and Tse Kam-hung (South China) Chung Yung-sum (Eastern) Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) V. K. Hyul (Eastern) Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.) and Han Ching-to (Eastern).

M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire cricket eleven on many occasions during the summer, has joined the Royal Air Force to train as a "reptile."

Umfreville, who is twenty years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and is a useful soccer inside forward.



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BARDIA WEAKENING UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted yesterday by the German-controlled Paris Radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids a Frenchwoman said:

"The English at last! May God bless their bombs!"

The Italians, too, seem to have some misgivings, and an Italian National Councilor in Rome yesterday complained:

"Italy, while in a life-and-death struggle against the strongest Empire in the world, cannot trust the French."

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat." — Reuter.

ARABS' SUPPORT

THE SOUTHERN ARABS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY ARE NOW, REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARABIA.

The victories in the Western Desert have given them de-

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/ Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kassa and east of Gafala, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable.

Signor Ansaldo—who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as leading Italian publicist—declared yesterday in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

Light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard prayers for a British victory," he said. — Reuter.

In making this statement, he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at British boasting after Sidi-Barani. — Reuter.

PAMPHLET APPEARS IN BUCHAREST

PAMPHLETS AGAINST NAZI TYRANNY AND RE-AFFIRMING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST—JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERMAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet. — Reuter.

SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGATION IN CAIRO STATED YESTERDAY THAT A PLOT AGAINST KING IBN SAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenced to death and others sent to prison.

Before the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London circles said last night. That the British should harbour any malicious intentions against an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. — Reuter.

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MYSTERY 'PLANES OVER EIRE

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Dun-carana and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.—Reuter.

GREEKS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Yesterday marked the end of the second month since the invasion of Greece — but how different was the position from the rosy expectations of the Italians when they began to invade Greece.

Instead of an easy victory and an early one, the Italian troops have found themselves pushed back into Albania by the Greeks.

Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politikas" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan.

The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in snow. — Reuter.

Heights Occupied

It is stated in press reports from Athens that Greek troops advancing north of Chimara have gained possession of an important mountain position.

In the Tepelini-Klissora sector the Greeks have occupied more strategic heights from which the Italians have withdrawn their last troops.

Prisoners have been taken and material captured includes a field gun. — British Wireless.

The French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cochet, arrived from Chungking on Saturday and will sail for Shanghai during the next few days.

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and the team spirit.—Reuter.

BORDER CLASHES

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BETWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANGKOK.

The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured. The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientiane but were quickly silenced.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OPEN SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, which has been closed to the public since the Japanese occupation of Canton, will be partially opened by the Japanese military authorities on January 1, when a regular train service will be resumed between Canton and Shanghai.

Trains will stop at seven stations between Canton and Shanghai. — Reuter Special.

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at a place in north-west England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though some houses were damaged no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.

LOSSES IN A WEEK

During the week ended midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids over Britain, lost seven planes.

Two were lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, three on the night of Dec. 22/23, one during the day of Dec. 23 and one during the day of Dec. 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

One was lost on the night of Dec. 22/23, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of Dec. 26/27 and one on the night of Dec. 27/28.—Reuter.

NAZI TALE DENIED

REPORTS THAT A FRENCH PLANE WITH FIVE ON BOARD INCLUDING HIGH PERSONAGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON ITS WAY TO FRANCE FROM MOROCCO WERE DENIED BY THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco for France on that day, nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on Christmas Day with only civil technicians on board. — Reuter.

LATEST GALLUP POLL

No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows.

The "New York Times" reports that in response to the question "Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent answered "Yes."

The second World War has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes. — Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING IN INDIA

The need of Indian youths taking advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of the war effort were stressed by various conferences held all over India during Christmas week. — Reuter.

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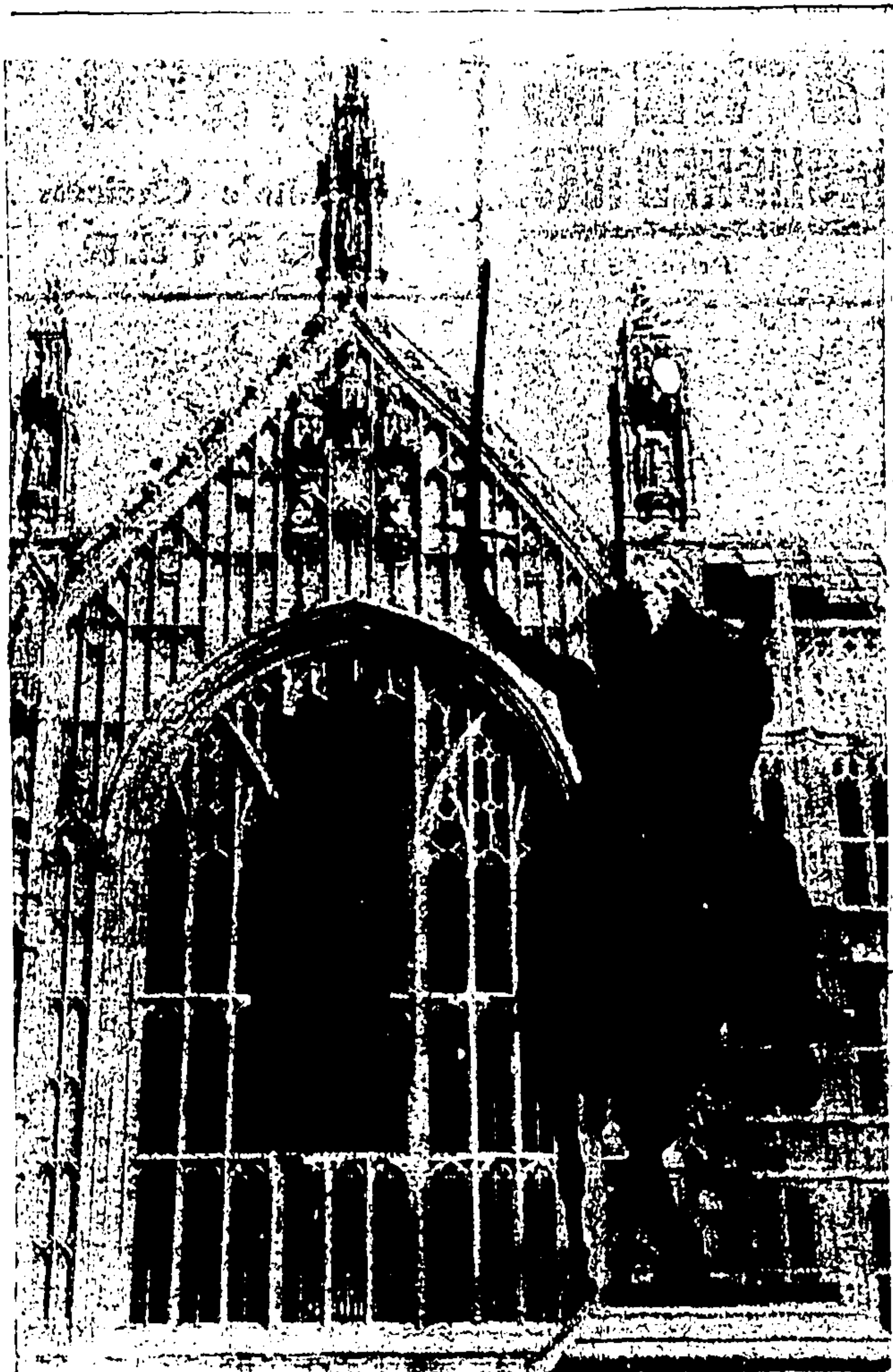
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Clash With Enemy Raider Attacking Convoy



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on London a large crater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged. Photo shows broken windows at the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Lion in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

Christmas Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was hit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique.

One ship in the convoy was hit and received slight damage. The enemy withdrew at high speed as soon as she realised the convoy was escorted.

Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long range. Visibility had been variable and dropped rapidly to half a mile.

One shell burst amidships but it is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received slight damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had been informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea as an effective unit of the Navy.

During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire. It is considered probable she was acting as a supply ship. — Reuter.

Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed in 1927 and was formerly on the China station. She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet in November when our ships chased the Italians.

MISSIONARIES GOING HOME

About 200 American missionaries and their families will leave Shanghai for America aboard the "President Coolidge" on New Year's Day and about 100 more will leave by the "President Pierce" on January 6 and the "President Taft" on January 20, according to a Shanghai dispatch. — Central News.

FREE LIFT DRIVERS RUN RISK

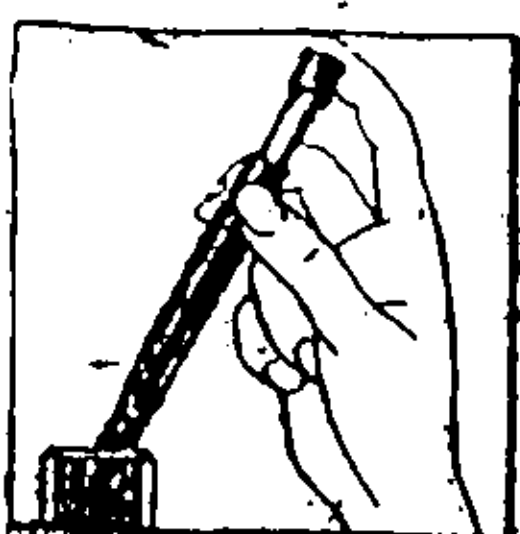
A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued if, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spitfire" box, may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given lifts at their own risk goes back to a rule that has been denounced by the House of Lords, and is "a bold suggestion to make."

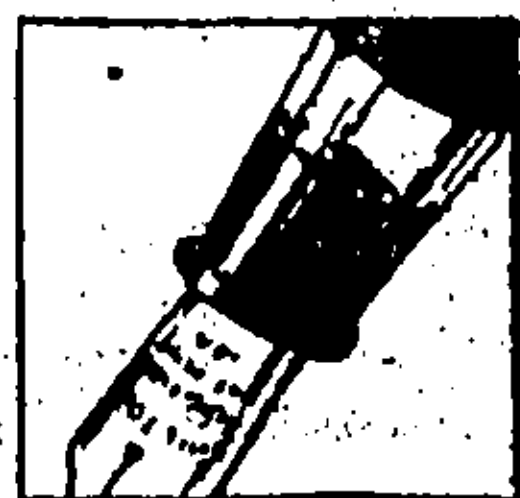
The Journal considers that if a driver says "I will take you to London for two shillings," he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney carriage licence. Moreover, his insurance policy may be invalidated.

Drivers who hang about railway stations to "earn an honest penny" by bringing pedestrians home play a game at least as dangerous as it is generous, and the driver who says, "Here is a box for the Spitfire fund. Will you put something into it?" runs into danger.

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The King has personally assured himself of the great care with which arrangements for convoys are worked out by the naval authorities.

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Skippers and naval personnel were seated together round a table receiving instructions from a naval captain when the King walked into the room accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of the port.

At these conferences, which are always held a few hours before a convoy sails, the position each ship shall take is decided as well as methods to be adopted in case of attack either by surface raider, U-boat or aircraft.

The King was shown a chart of positions each ship would take and also where escorting warships would be positioned and he listened to discussions at the conference.

Afterwards His Majesty met the skippers and talked with them individually. Several of the skippers were from Allied countries. The Commodore of this convoy was a Dutchman and the King had a long talk with him. — British Wireless.

DRIFTING MINES

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TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

BY DINGHY TO SAFETY

The crew of a Royal Air Force bomber recently had a narrow escape from drowning after making a successful attack on Berlin. The Captain, a Canadian, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. said:

"We found ourselves in difficulties when we were off the Frisian Islands. It became obvious that we should have to come down on the sea.

"We lightened the aircraft as much as possible by jettisoning all surplus weight and nursing the engine. We hoped to find a convoy and came down somewhere near it, but no ship was sighted. In the meantime, we were getting nearer to England. Soon we saw the coast and our hopes ran a little higher, but unfortunately both engines spluttered and then stopped.

"I panicked on to the water, and landed a quarter of a mile from the coast. The navigator and the rest of the crew had launched the dinghy by the time I had managed to scramble out of the cockpit.

"It was just as well the navigator had left his position because when we hit the water, which was rather like hitting concrete, the first decks were smashed and water just rushed into the aircraft. It did a kind of submarine dive and then came up again. We were soon aboard our dinghy and reached shore in about 45 minutes. We paddled the dinghy, propelled it shorewards with our hands and went behind it to push along, and finally we reached safety."

JUMBLE SALE OF HER HOME

One of Goering's tip-and-run heroes dropped a bomb on the house of Mrs. Taylor, in the West Country.

Instead of being dismayed, she promptly held a jumble sale for the benefit of the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund.

From the ruins of her home she calmly retrieved any still recognisable belongings. The open-air auction fetched £4 for bomb-soiled furniture.

When crowds came to look at the ruins Mrs. Taylor picked the few autumn flowers left in her small garden and sold them as souvenirs.

WANTS SACK OF FLOUR IN HOMES

Mr. de la Bere (Con., Evesham) is to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food:

"Whether, in view of the dangers of air bombardment, he will now consider repatriating and putting into working order the disused mills throughout the country and bringing them back into activity.

"And whether, with a view to improving the country's larder, he will encourage householders throughout the country to hold a 140lb. bag of flour with a view to its utilisation for home baking in the event of an emergency and as a war precaution."

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused. The successful bombing of Valona, on the foreshore of southern Albania, is also reported.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO RAM HEAD-ON

A Junkers 88 pilot became so desperate after a Blenheim fighter had chased him for over 50 miles that he attempted to ram his pursuer head-on. Suddenly turning at the end of the chase, he drove his Junkers straight at the Blenheim. He nearly succeeded, the

GIFT 'PLANE FROM LOCKHEED FACTORY

A Hudson Bomber named "Spirit of Lockheed and Vega" has just arrived in Britain. It has come from America.

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bomber passing only ten yards underneath the fighter. The Blenheim pilot had previously opened fire and damaged the bomber. When last seen the bomber was flying slowly, with oil pouring out.

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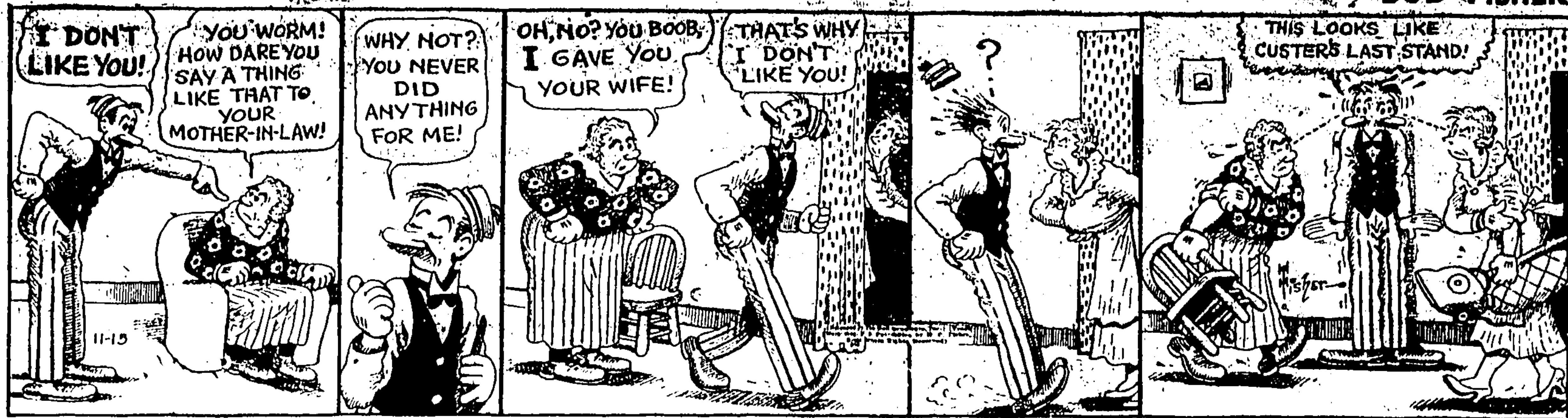
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CZECH SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia. It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Caslav, has been arrested together with two administrative functionaries who are accused of sabotage acts against the institution of food ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at upsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed by a widespread organisation, free of charge, amongst trustworthy Czech patriots.

It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused is substantial.

M.P. CALLS AIRMAN PRINCE A "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

Mr. Wedgwood, is it not rather indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight on our side, and should be paid by us in the war for democracy, and against all that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Balfour: I reject that suggestion whole heartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

life in the air and fight in our cause, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on Austria at the end of the war?

Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is a different question from the one on the paper. If this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his life, he deserves our gratitude.

Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other aliens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgwood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

No reply was given. "Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich. Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehr in Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria."

DAMAGES FOR SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property owners are giving to the national cause the sums awarded them as compensation for damage due to forced landings by R.A.F. aircraft.

In the Isle of Wight a bomber came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turf near the cricket pitch.

Mr. K. S. Mitcheson, the owner, has generously suggested that the sum awarded to cover the damage should be paid to the Spitfire Fund.

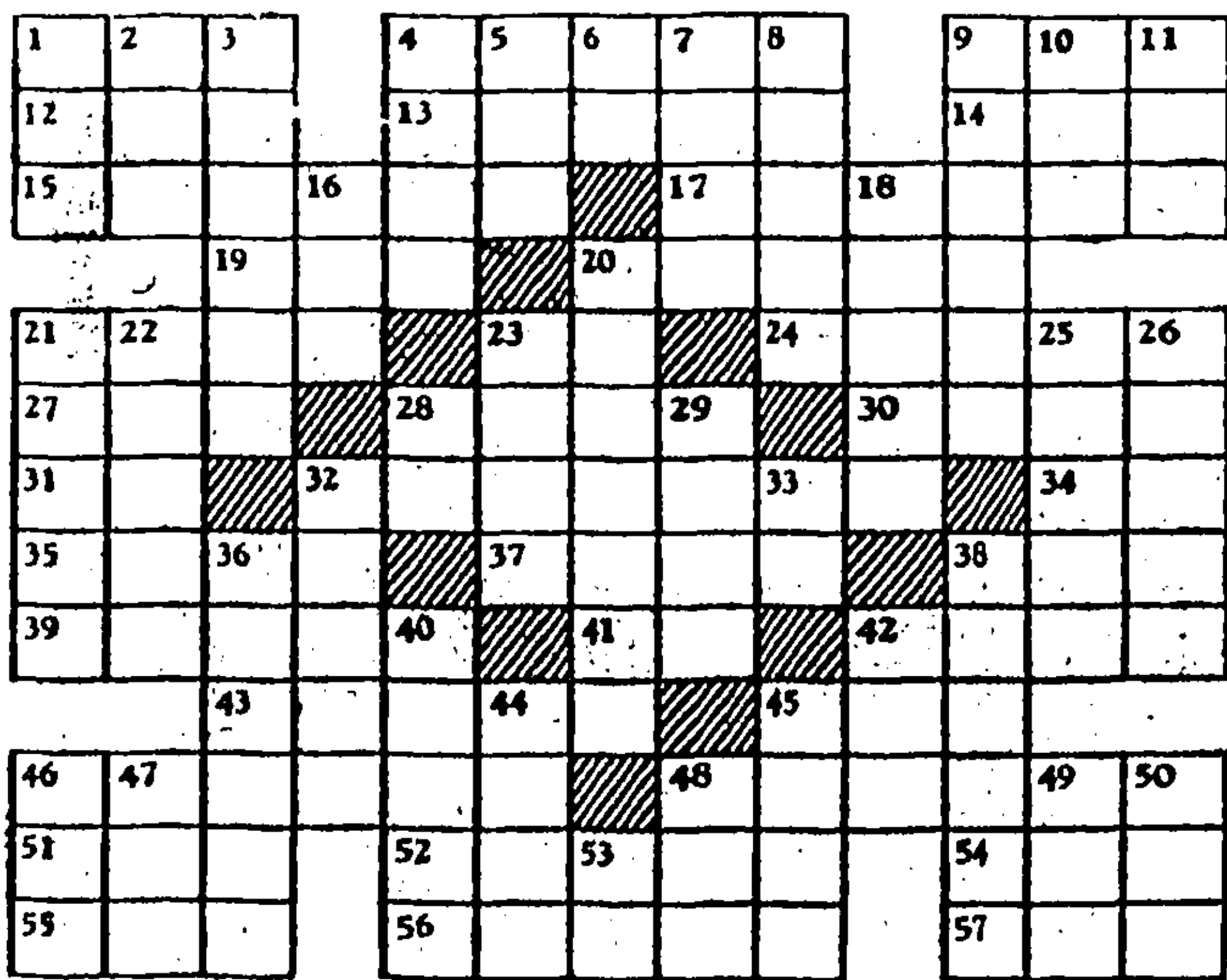
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- 17 Shoulder
- 18 Decade
- 20 To sting
- 21 Prophet
- 23 Symbol for gold
- 24 Laps
- 27 Sailor
- 28 Poisonous snakes
- 30 To demonstrate
- 31 Horse
- 32 To get forth
- 34 Concerning
- 35 Mother of Apollo
- 37 Part
- 38 Beverage
- 39 European
- 41 At
- 42 To turn the surface of
- 43 Deep plant
- 45 Equality

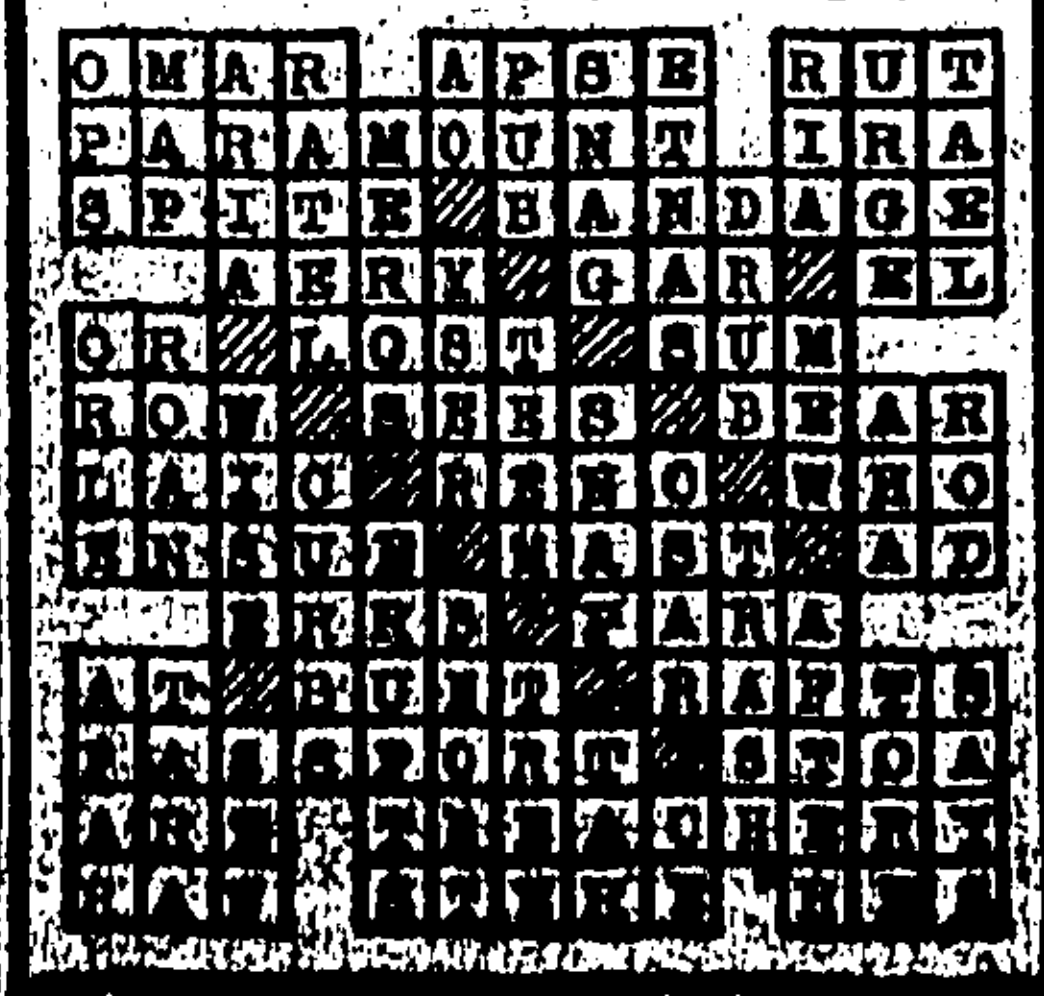
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- 2 Beverage
- 3 Repetition of slight sounds
- 4 To reach
- 5 Slang friend
- 6 White
- 7 Entry
- 8 Asiatic kingdom
- 9 To grasp

10 To lubricate

- 11 Small
- 16 Pronoun
- 18 To ascend
- 20 To assume as true
- 21 Ancient Roman garment
- 22 Painter's stand
- 23 Ancient stringed instrument
- 25 Chosen
- 26 To affirm
- 28 Land measure
- 29 Composition for a single voice
- 32 Verses
- 33 Compass point
- 36 Cornets
- 38 To beat out, as grain
- 40 Din
- 41 Rotating piece
- 44 Inclined
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M.P.'S AMAZING OUTBURST IN COMMONS

MR. H. G. WELLS WAS DENOUNCED AS AN AGNOSTIC REPUBLICAN AND THEREFORE A BAD REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN LORD WINTERTON (CON., HORSHAM) ASKED IN PARLIAMENT WHY HE GOT AN EXIT PERMIT TO LECTURE THERE.

"For years Mr. Wells has been saying to the British public: 'You will always be fools and I will never be a gentleman,' and the people good-humouredly acquiesced.

"It does not matter what he says for home consumption; what concerns me is granting such a man an exit permit in the certain knowledge that he will use all his publicity power to denigrate [blacken] his country abroad and, of all places, in the United States, where, in this hour of our greatest peril, we enjoy more sympathy for our unity and moral strength than ever before in our history.

"Wells has a peculiar and bitter attitude towards what is after all the accepted faith of millions of people in the world, and not the least in the United States.

"Avowed opponents of Christianity get short shrift from the hands of electors in the United States. Yet we allow to go there, as representing Britain and British literature, a man who prides himself on being the opponent of all religion, who says there is no such thing, and that it is medieval superstition."

Lord Winterton repeated the "sins" of H. G. Wells as reported in his lectures in the United

States—his sneers at Labour politicians and his description of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, as "the quintessence of everything that an Englishman should not be."

But what really hurt him was Wells's description of Lord Gort as "our praying general." "Why should he attack a man with such a brilliant record of gallantry and leadership as Lord Gort?" he cried.

"Lord Gort's crime, in Wells's eyes is that he dares confess himself to be a Christian—that he belongs to a creed which Mr. Wells, in his declining years, attacks with such vituperation. "Lord Gort is an easy target because Wells knows that he cannot answer as a serving soldier. I can imagine an eighteenth-century atheist saying: 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse; they are blackguardly.'"

French Sneers

It made one doubt, said Lord Winterton, whether Mr. Wells is still in the full plenitude of his mental powers. He hoped that might be the reason.

A more sinister explanation was his resemblance to French writers, who, before the collapse of France, sneered at Christian generals and at republicans.

—Mr. Wells, like these Frenchmen, professed his hatred of Hitlerism. But, if Hitler had an enemy in the world whom he need not worry about, it was H. G. Wells, said Lord Winterton, because Wells was helping Hitler.

Opinion in Parliament was divided, and Mr. Wells found a champion in Mr. Shinwell (Lab., Seaham), who said: "Mr. Wells has frequently attacked the Labour Party. But so has Lord Winterton. Is that any reason

why we should cancel his permit? We are fighting for liberty of expression. There is no half-way house. No M.P. has the right to preclude the expression of opinion of Mr. Wells or any one else."

"Praying General"

Mr. Magnay (Liberal-National, Gateshead) interjected that Wells had no right to sneer at Gort as a "praying general."

Mr. Shinwell: "But he is a praying general, just as you are a praying politician. We don't think the less of him for being so described."

Turning to Mr. Peake, the Home Office Under-Secretary responsible for the grant of exit permits, Mr. Shinwell said: "You have a choice. Either you can leave Wells over there along with Gracie Fields and—who is it—?" Mr. Shinwell hesitated—"Mark Antony?"

Some one said, "You mean Monty Banks."

Mr. Shinwell corrected himself, amid great laughter, and added: "And Noel Coward, and I believe there is an honourable member of this House who finds Hollywood more salubrious than this House."

An M.P.: "You mean Hawaii." "Either you can leave him there fulminating against praying generals and incompetent politicians—there are incompetent politicians even in London—or you can bring him home." (Mr. Peake shook his head)—"or put him in a concentration camp. That would please those who are not agnostics and not republicans."

"A War On"

"No, it won't wash," exclaimed Mr. Shinwell after this piece of rhetoric. "Let H. G. Wells talk and talk. Let the Noel Cowards coquette, and the Gracie Fields show their graces. Let them play about as they care. We have a war on in this country, and we have to win it."

Mr. Peake said it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United States that we would give permits only to those whose views were favourable to the present British Government.

It must be left to the good sense of the American public to assess the value of Mr. Wells's views for themselves.

"It is important for this country that as many dollars as possible should be earned by British subjects," Mr. Peake added. "They may earn those dollars primarily for themselves, but the Treasury sees that those dollars are placed at its disposal in exchange for sterling."

The more eminent the person, the greater the number of dollars which will eventually be at the disposal of the Treasury. Mr. Wells may therefore be regarded as an invaluable export. That ended the debate.



WOMEN AND THE WAR

Nothing could demonstrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the temper of the National Conference of Labour Women at Southport. Of 300 delegates from Labour organisations all over the country only three dissented from a resolution to the effect that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion. Nobody can suspect these women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt that they know from intimate experience the terrible cost of war in life, health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in domestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one country after another in the last months of 1918, spreading death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world." The whole weight of this body of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our ill-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands go through life disabled in health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious circle must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk about the ideology of loving-kindness or common sense or right and justice. All the decencies of existence have been able to get along very comfortably without any ideologies in the jargon sense of to-day to support them; it is only the smash-and-grab raid and the system of oppression which call for that particular verbal buttress. And so we reach the curious conclusion that a term which was originally

SOMETHING closer than mere occasional cooperation—something closely approaching union—has now appeared on the horizon of Anglo-American relations.

Both in London and Washington, serious consideration is being given for the first time to deeper implications of the need for co-ordinating National defence plans of Great Britain and the United States. As a result, there is a steadily growing conviction that the underlying unity of interests and mutual security of the two English-speaking peoples must find expression in more permanent and far-reaching forms of co-operation hardly distinguishable from some measure, at least, of union.

This is the climate that has lately been reached by one of the most significant undercurrents stirred by war: Relations between America and Great Britain have unquestionably been hurled forward and upward by the course of recent world events.

Effect Of Election

Outcome of the American Presidential election appears likely to favour and further this trend. In Britain Mr. Roosevelt is rightly

or wrongly looked upon as the greatest possible exponent of ever closer and more active cooperation between the American and British peoples.

In any case, there is no doubt Nazism and Fascism with their ever-expanding ambitions of

By Mallory Browne

world domination have since the beginning of the war whipped up the normally sluggish stream of Anglo-American relations into a rushing torrent. As Mr. J. L. Garvin of "The Observer" wrote recently, history will probably record the ironical fact that Adolf Hitler's greatest achievement was to unite Britain and America.

Actually, of course, Herr Hitler and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwittingly and unwittingly helped precipitate a trend that has long been inherent in the basic unity of origin and ideals of two countries.

It is not abstract idealism, how-

ever, but practical problems of defence—a very realistic and immediate mutual danger and need of meeting it—that has given the recent fresh impulse to the present tendency toward far-reaching Anglo-American cooperation.

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude jolt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole continent under totalitarian terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States. Simultaneously, or nearly so, America realised that her own security depended on aiding Britain. This mutual awakening to their interdependence in the matters of security and defence led to the formation of the American-Canadian Joint Defence Board and thence to agreement whereby the United States obtained much-needed naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the Royal Navy.

These two pacts, however, vital and historic innovations as they were, are but main outward signs of a co-ordination of defence

means and measures of two nations that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in detail at this stage. Production of planes, design and manufacture of tanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments and military, naval, air staffs that cannot fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic political fields. The same applies to economic financial matters under present total war conditions.

Peace Also Considered

Nevertheless, it is at least as much for peace and reconstruction as for war, that Britain is looking toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the number and calibre of British people who to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint Anglo-American task. Cabinet Ministers, labour leaders, military and naval chiefs have expressed privately—and more cautiously in public statements as well—their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently upon occasion, but lastingly upon a far-seeing basis, is there any real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years. Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved permanently on the basis of justice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving peace as well as aiding administration of justice.

It is to the late Lord Lothian that much of the credit for progress in Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London. His success in replacing previous distrusts and coldness by confidence and good will has won recognition on both sides of the Atlantic as an outstanding diplomatic achievement of democracy—a fitting reply to "force-diplomacy" of totalitarian dictatorships.

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress, however, it is vital to realise that relations between the United States and Britain are emphatically in a state of transition. One has only to recall the friction that flared up over the British opening of American mails less than a year ago to appreciate this point. Events have moved fast and far since then, but Anglo-American cooperation still is in a state of flux.

Much depends now on whether the United States enters the war; and if so how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes to the plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry" aid to Britain—aid deeply appreciated but dearly bought, too, it should not be forgotten—it is in the first place doubtful whether any country would have any say in framing peace except Germany; and in the second place it is certain that even if Britain finally won with only commercial assistance from the United States, America could hardly expect to have much say about the peace settlement that would follow.

One of Many Questions

Fortunately for the future of Anglo-American unity, there is evidence that this important fact is being frankly faced. This is only one of countless thorny questions and difficulties that must be solved before union—even a very modest partial measure of union—between Britain and America becomes practical.

Nevertheless, the current of thought in both countries is today flowing strongly—more strongly than ever before in history—in that direction, and this unquestionably constitutes one of the most encouraging aspects of the war-time world in transition.

Pawn In Asian Strategy

(By A Special Correspondent)

When the Government at Bangkok in 1939 discarded the name Siam for the more ancient and honourable title of Muang Thai—Land of the Free—it convinced no one, except perhaps the Siamese themselves, that Thailand had not won and still retained her independence by the grace of her more powerful neighbours.

Thailand's present position ominously resembles that of some European States. Her claims to territory outside her present borders are based, like those of Germany, on ancient boundaries won by conquest and on the presence of Siamese minorities in the disputed areas. Her ambition is to embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the Shan States of Burma, and even the provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan in China, and she claims that within these areas are Siamese-speaking minorities totalling 14,000,000—or more than Thailand's present population.

These ambitions have been encouraged by Japan, who, under the cloak of aiding Thailand's national aspirations, has steadily directed Siamese policy for her own advantage. It was Japanese influence which caused Thailand to embrace Cambodia, and the same influence is responsible for Thailand's present pressure on French Indo-China.

In very similar circumstances Germany encouraged Poland in her demands on Czechoslovakia, and aided Slovakia against the Czechs. Far Eastern observers have not failed to draw the comparison, and to point out the danger to Thailand's independence should she eventually stand in the way of a too-powerful Japan.

Japanese Infiltration

Thailand entered the twentieth century with her ancient border quarrels apparently ended, and she turned with great enthusiasm

concerned with the absolute value of pure ideas now means something which is poisonous or contemptible. It would be rather a good thing if such a remarkable example of debased verbal currency could be dropped altogether. Unfortunately it is one of those words which exercise a fatal fascination over victims of the jargon complex. They, at any rate, become only too easily "wrapped up" in ideologies.

to the promotion of internal reforms and the modernisation of her agriculture, industry, and institutions.

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found nationalism was aided by her neighbours, particularly Britain and Japan, and received impetus after the bloodless political and social revolution of 1932, which was followed by the founding of a virtual military dictatorship.

The Japanese, in aiding Thailand, have entrenched themselves in the country's life. Practically every Government department, the army, the navy, the majority of the banks, and nearly all commercial firms have Japanese advisers. Japan now occupies the same commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia.

Japan has played cleverly off the enthusiastic nationalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Cambodia was "seized" by the French, or to insist that for 50 years Thailand's industrial and financial activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese foreign policy.

Thailand has apparently failed to realise Japan's ulterior aims, selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is now so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok Government is rapidly losing the very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

The reports which have circulated from time to time of rifts in the relations between Thailand and Japan have invariably originated in Tokyo. In every case the reports have proved false, and have been designed, apparently, to lull Thailand's neighbours into a false estimate of Japan's influence in the strategically important little kingdom.

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's relations with Thailand dates back to 1914, and despite the rise of British influence, to-day Japan plays a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thailand was one nation which refused to vote against Japan when the League of Nations condemned the campaign against Manchukuo.

During the last eight years when Siamese nationalism has been changing the course and shape of Thailand, the Japanese have utilised the new trend of thought among a careless, careless, but vain and intensely patriotic people, for their own advantage. Japan has increased her trade with Thailand, and linked her ports to

those in Siam by fast steamer services. Experienced Japanese publicists have been sent to Thailand to explain "the New Order in East Asia."

Japan, in short, has "got in on the ground floor" of Siamese nationalism, and her agents have won to key positions throughout the country.

Under a military dictatorship herself, Thailand has looked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationalism. Not since 1917, when she declared war on Germany, has she stressed national defence so much as now. Since 1932 the amount spent on defence each year has more than doubled, and now accounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has been introduced, and the army has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10,000 non-commissioned officers.

Most of the officers have been trained in Japan, and Japan also built 85 per cent. of the small, but modern, fleet, which now includes a destroyer, four submarines, and 18 torpedo-boats. Eighty-five per cent. also of the officers in Thailand's navy were trained in Japan, and the extent to which Japan has influenced the country's new military power is shown by the fact that some commands are given in the Japanese language.

A similar rejuvenation has taken place in the air force, which has grown from five planes in 1935, to more than 150 front-line American fighting planes to-day.

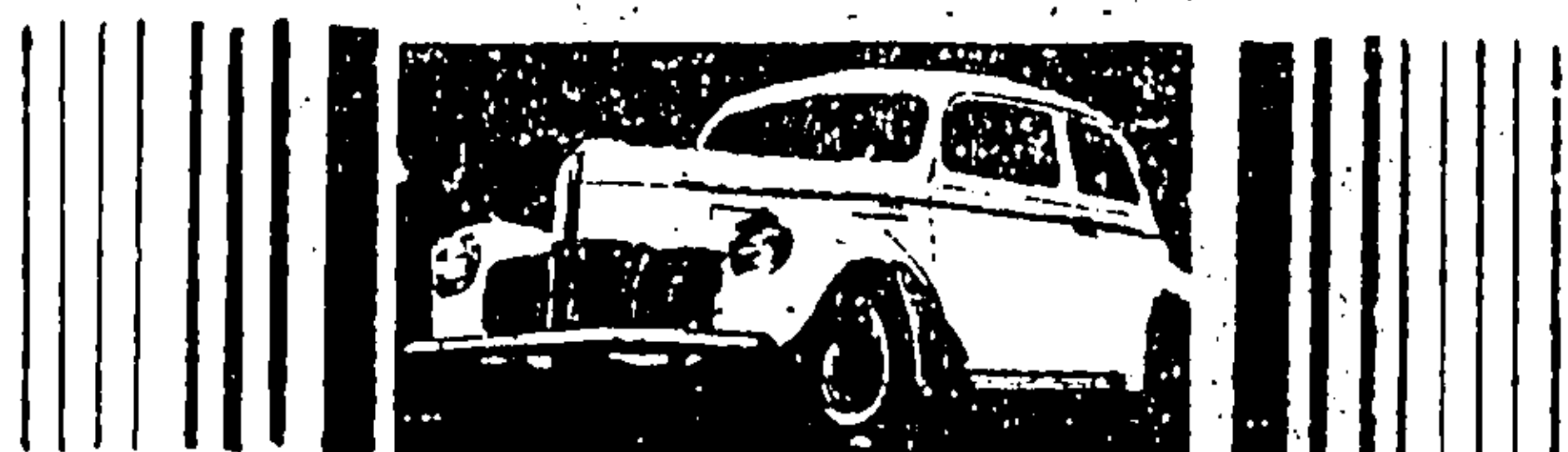
Running A Risk

Discontent with the present order as the result of a growth of nationalism among a backward people has been fostered by Japan for her own ends with conspicuous success in Thailand, and what is true there is true in other Eastern countries, though not to the same extent. Nowhere has Japan expended so much effort with such success as among the Siamese.

Efforts by Britain and France to check Thailand's tendency to become a puppet State taking orders from Tokyo have met with some success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neutrality. But to-day Japanese power in Eastern waters and along Thailand's borders is in the ascendancy. Encouraged by Japan and anxious to take advantage of the new situation, the Siamese are apparently willing to assist the growth of Japanese power in the Far East and run the risk of themselves becoming subservient to an ally whom they helped to power.

Should this situation arise Britain's interests, as well as those of Thailand, will be endangered, for Japan has opened the Malay and Burma gateways to Australia and

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Prize lie of the Nazis is the one recently issued — in the limited quarters where it had hope of being swallowed — that Hitler himself, in one of his periodic flights over London, personally observed the King and the Prime Minister dashing for shelter in a state of abject panic!

This, the Duke of Devonshire told the House of Lords, seemed incredible, but to simple-minded people, as in the Near East, where it was disseminated, it did gain a certain amount of credence, and special steps were taken to deal with it.

The Government did not propose to depart from the present method of combating Nazi lies — a special department of the Ministry of Information.

**TWO LONDONERS
"FLEW" IN
AN IRON BOX**

By A Special Correspondent

TWO BIG BOMBS crashed in a London street. This is what happened: Two people were sheltering in a disused water tank standing inside a building which received a direct hit.

The tank was blown into the air. It came down on top of the wrecked building. The two people were still inside it — and very much alive.

The other bomb — a thousand pounder — landed opposite a building in which Old Bill is night watchman.

Bill, his spell of duty over, was asleep when the explosion wrecked the front of the building and shattered every piece of glass around him.

When anxious wardens arrived to rescue Bill he told them to go away. "No Hitler or anybody else is going to spoil my sleep," he said. And turned over in his bed of broken glass and debris.

Girls' Bravery

In a house which was almost levelled to the ground three young girls were buried by debris. They were dressed only in thin night clothes and lay between a heavy

pile of bricks and dust directing wardens to them. "They were extremely brave," said a warden who helped to rescue them. "They kept calling out 'A little to the left' or 'A little to the right' until we reached them. "All they asked for when we got them out was a cup of tea."

Baby's Escape

With a doctor standing by with oxygen, A.R.P. wardens worked desperately in darkness for three-quarters of an hour to dig out a three-month-old baby from the wreckage of a house in a London suburb.

They reached the baby — and found it unhurt.

Over the child rafters had formed a protective barrier which took the weight of tons of crashing debris.

The other occupants of this house were unhurt.

Blind Folk Bombed

Seventy blind men and women in an institution at a South-West town were being led back from their shelters when one bomb hit a shelter and another the bedrooms to which they were being taken.

Only two men were injured, both by flying glass.

"There was no panic," the matron told a reporter. "Some of the men were thrown on the floor, but they picked themselves up, and the attendants and myself led them to another shelter that had not been touched."

"I could not find an old man, but just as we were going to the shelter he came along the corridor saying: 'It is all right, matron. I have got my gas-mask and overcoat.'"

**RAGGED
BODY OF
RAIDERS**

By A Special Correspondent

The first bombing squadrons came over Dover high during the morning, taking advantage of huge cloud-banks, which roofed the Channel, and which, except for a large blue gap over the Dover area, stretched for miles inland.

A.A. fire met them and forced them to change course into a lane, at the end of which our fighters awaited them farther inland. Barely had the noise of their engines died away than it began to swell up again, as many, at least, of the bombers started coming back coastwards.

Soon in a great open blue patch of sky they came swarming back in a ragged body of about 50. Spitfires tackled them, split them up further, and dispersed the mob of bombers east and west along the coast.

Terrific Dog-Fight

A terrific dog-fight followed. A burst of cannon fire, succeeded quickly by a whip-like crack and crackle of machine-gun fire, out of sight in a black, rain-charged cloud, and a Messerschmidt dived down from over the sea, a few hundred feet above the cliff-top where I stood.

As I watched, a tiny flame broke out at his tail. The plane turned over. The pilot, working desperately, righted it again temporarily and tried to parake.

But he was too late and the Messerschmidt struck the earth and in a fraction of a second was hidden in a burst of pungent black smoke and lurid flame. The pilot had no time to bail out.

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ARMLESS, A KEY MAN AT A.R.P. POST

(An armless, unpaid volunteer warden goes to it for eighteen hours a day in Britain's front line. A Special Correspondent who spent a night on duty with him tells how this great-hearted little man does his bit for his country).

Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the 'phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. To the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of the shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

I challenged him to 201 up at darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dart into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee wailed. That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking out whistle.

Into the street he ran, blowing the alert. Then back he came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the boys as they hurried in. "You're here first again!"

The floor is Joe's desk. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid—among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary; Taffy Young, an aircraftman on leave, Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the tavern next door.

The 'phone rang. Joe picked it up fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for nearly a year," Joe told me. "I volunteered on October 28 last year. I'm unpaid."

"I'm no good to the Army. But I can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do."

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner."

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cares to send—and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he said. "But I want to be outside—in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice. He shepherds the elderly and children to shelter.

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show, performing with his feet tricks many men cannot do with their hands. The war killed that. Now he has no job except A.R.P. And that is unpaid. He lives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

A Hampden Bomber aerodrome Somewhere—in England now boasts of having two V.C.s stationed there, though they are not in the same squadron.

The two heroes are Sergeant John Hannah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ens Canal.

The bomber squadron to which Sergeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland in 1917, and a few months later it began operations in France. In one operation in the last war six pilots carried out a dangerous mission, and each of them received the D.F.C.

In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputation, and before Sergeant Hannah's act of bravery, it had earned one D.S.O., thirteen D.F.C.s and five D.P.M.s.

BERLIN ASKS "HOW LONG?"

The Berlin correspondent of the "Hufvudstadsblad" reports that Berliners are becoming resigned to a second winter of war, and are only asking whether decisive military action may be expected next year and whether the R.A.F. intends to continue, and for how long, flying over and bombing Germany.

The Berlin Press is trying to console the population of the capital by claiming that the authorities are going to use the winter to consolidate the positions acquired in foreign territory and by stressing the people's ability to sustain the coming winter's rigours with the same courage as was displayed last winter.

"He's the most useful man I've got," Les Couchman said. "He did a grand job when we took the gas-mask census. He saw that everyone's mask fitted properly."

Joe smiled—and got on with his job.

"Here, Son," Les called a minute later. "I've got a new job for you—distribution of earplugs."

"Right," replied Joe. "I'll be there." And he will.

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♣ A 5 2	♣ A K Q 9
♠ A K Q 9	♠ J 6 5
♥ 5	♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ Q J 9	♦ 8 4 3
♣ K Q 5	♣ 6 3

Who bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Dbl Pass 1
1♥ 3♣ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

A game contract was reached at only three tables and the bidding difficulty should have convinced the three Declarers that they could earn a good score without making overtricks.

But two of them fell by the wayside. In each case West opened the hearts, and South ruffed the second round. But one Declarer made the mistake of drawing three rounds of trumps. West got in with the club Queen to lead another heart, punching out dummy's last trump, and then West still had two established hearts to take when he regained the lead with the club King.

The second Declarer drew only the Ace and Queen of trumps, properly enough, but then led a diamond to dummy's King to take the club finesse. West won with the Queen of clubs and returned the Queen of diamonds. Then nothing could stop West from making a diamond trick as well as the inevitable heart and two clubs.

The successful Declarer drew two rounds of trumps with the Ace and Queen—and then cashed the club Ace! A low club allowed West to win, but now no defence could defeat South. A heart return would give South eleven tricks and a diamond return by West would be taken by dummy, and East's last trump would be drawn. Then another club would be conceded, and South get the

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Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
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♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burustoff	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

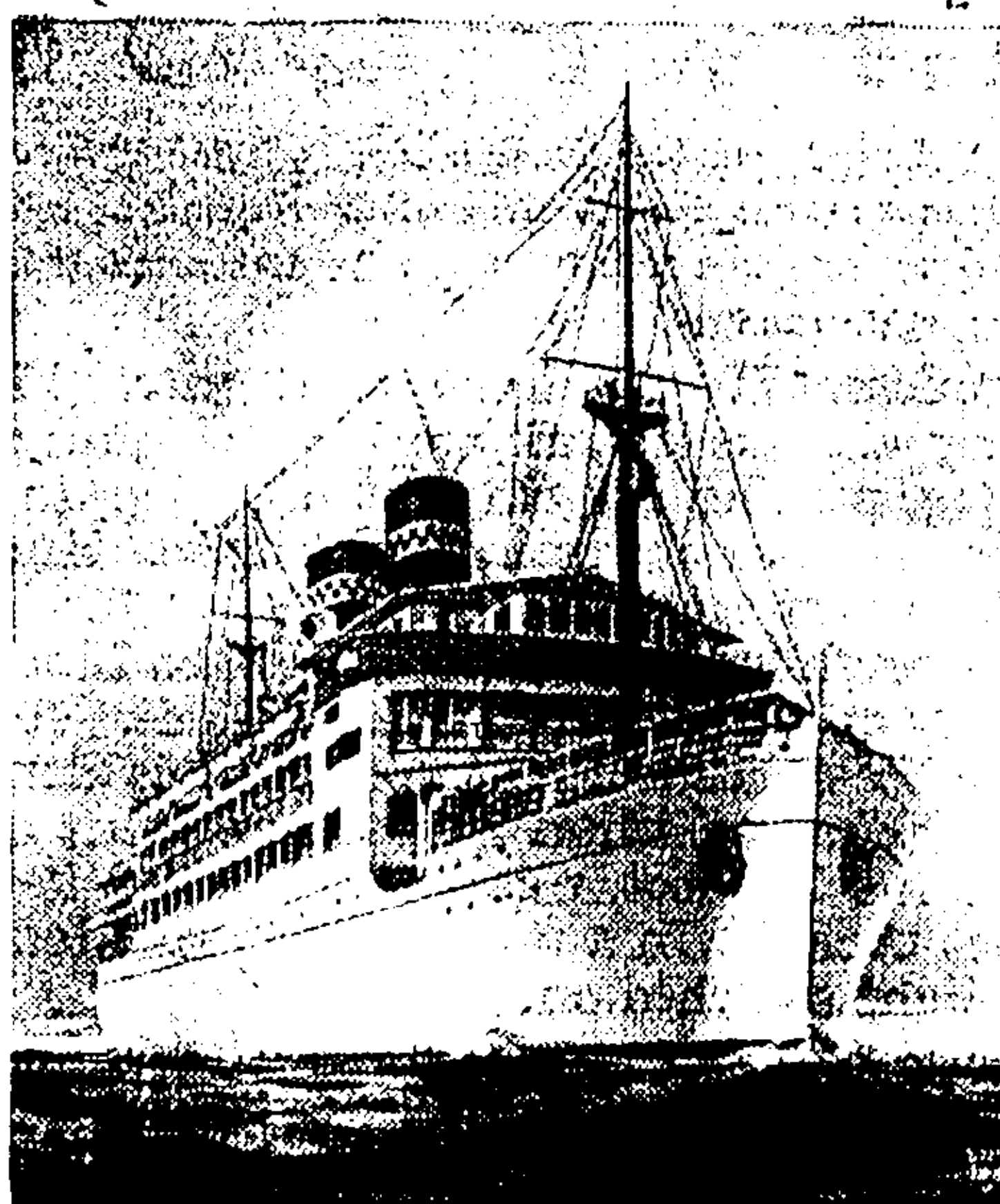
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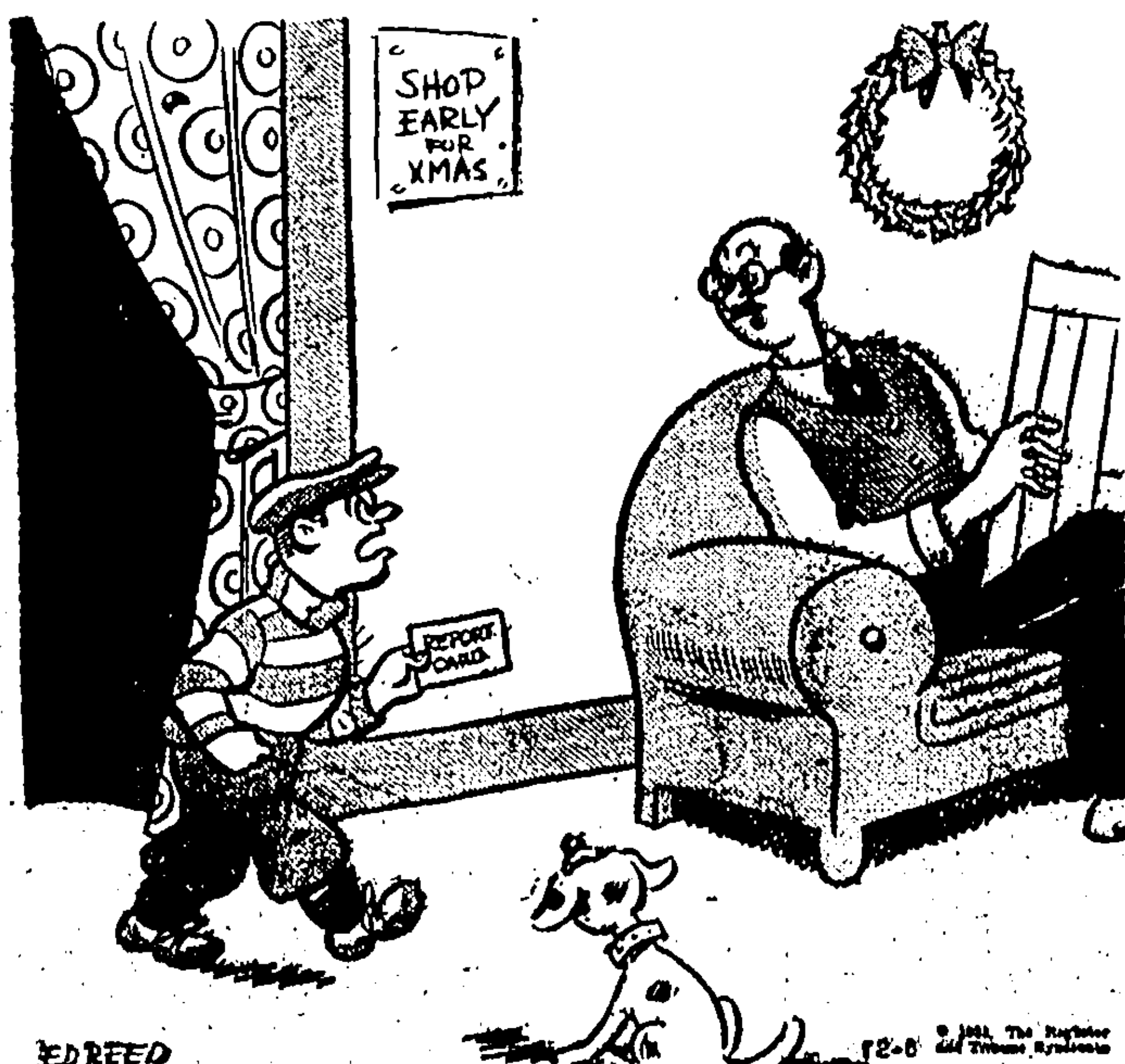
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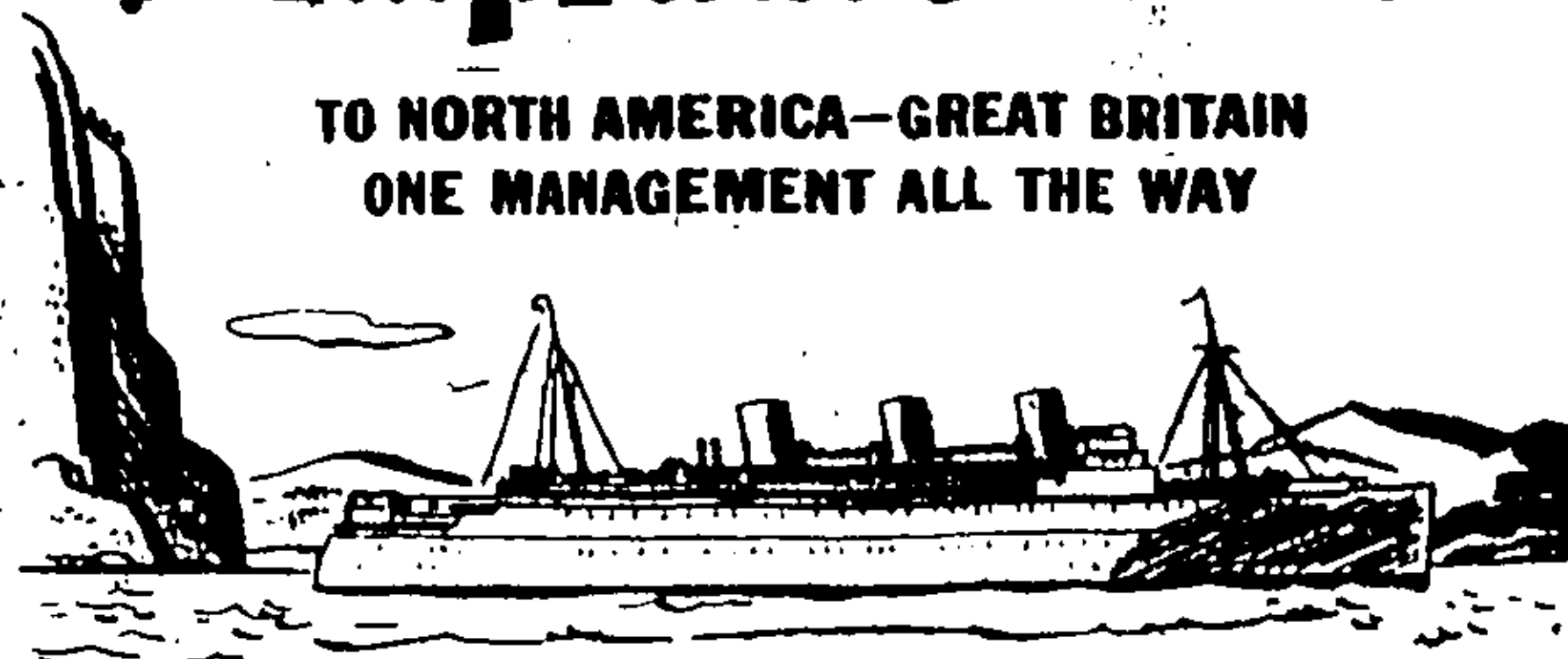
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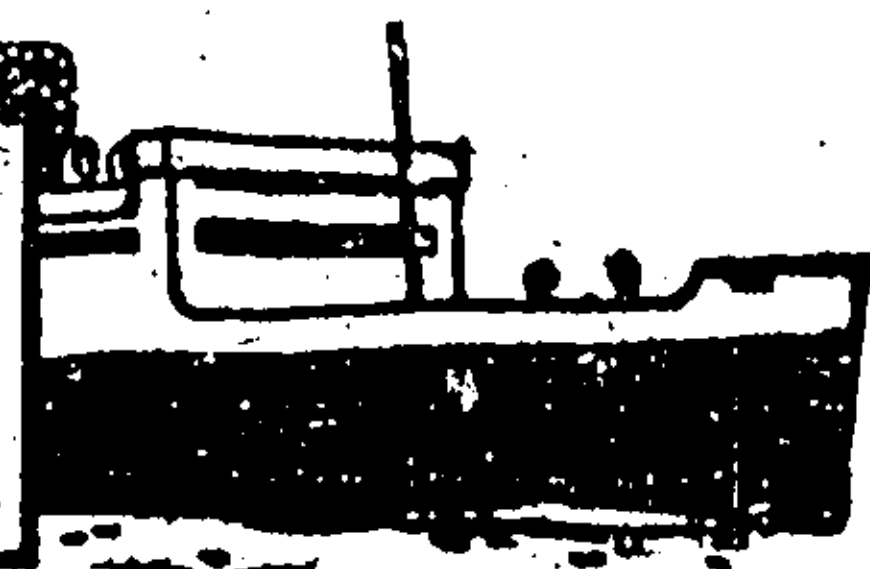
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1.45 p.m.—Beredin Quartet No. 2 in D Major.

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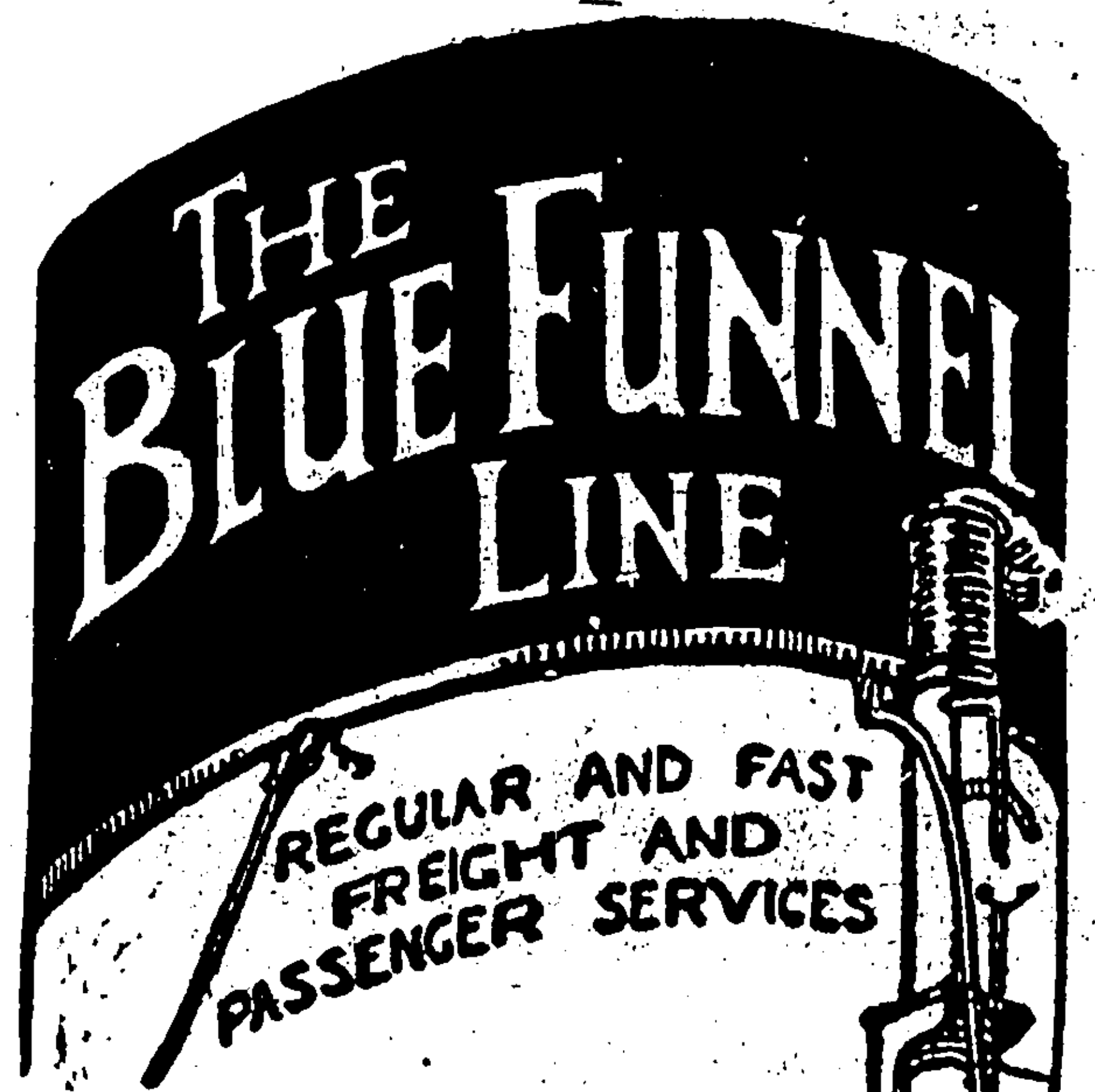
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By "Adrem"

A STRONG VOLUNTEER cricket team yesterday scored a big win over Royal Scots in a whole-day match at Sookunpoo, proving greatly superior in batting and bowling.

Feature of the match was the bright batting of the Volunteers. Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-hit 32.

The brightest batting of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit brilliantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 minutes.

Anderson batted with enterprize throughout the innings and scored 117 not out. He hit 13 fours, Mackay eight, Attwell five and Griffiths eight.

Bateman was early the best Scots bowler, although his analysis does not make impressive reading. Special mention must be made of the fine catch taken by Major Godley to dismiss Perry. The Civil Service player hit a half volley with tremendous force to mid-off where Godley held the chance about a foot off the ground.

Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp strokes, and shaping very confidently. After he had scored 32, however, he played a ball on to his pads and thence on to the wicket. Fergus appeared likely to get runs but was l.b.w. to Parsons when nine.

McLellan bowled much too well for Scots and took 5 for 13 in four overs, while Parsons also put down some good balls although he did not meet with much success.

In an effort to force an innings win, Scots were put in again but time was called when they were 83 for 8.

VOLUNTEERS			
N. A. E. Mackay, b. Bateman	49		
D. J. N. Anderson, not out	117		
K. J. Attwell, b. Fergus	32		
A. E. Perry, c. Godley, b. Fergus	10		

A. Zimmer, b. Alsey	16		
R. H. Griffiths, c. Duke, b. Bateman	45		
L. T. Ride, l.b.w., b. Bateman	0		
D. McLellan, not out	1		
Extras (B5, LB3)	8		

Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	278		
N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons and K. M. Baxter did not bat			

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
Fergus	10	1	83
Alsey	6	1	51
Bateman	10	1	63
Duke	2	0	21
Deveroux	5	0	49

ROYAL SCOTS—1ST INNINGS			
Major Godley, b. McLellan	32		
Cpl. Alsey, b. Baxter	0		
Capt. Duke, b. McLellan	3		
Lt. Ford, l.b.w., b. McLellan	2		
Pte. Bateman, st. Zimmer, b. McLellan	0		

Capt. Parsons, c. Baxter, b. McLellan	1		
Lt. Fergus, l.b.w., b. Parsons	9		
Sgt. Deveroux, b. Perry	4		
Pte. Newson, st. Zimmer, b. Booker	2		
Sgt. Taylor, c. Ride, b. Booker	11		
Pte. Peacock, not out	0		
Extras (B13, WB1)	14		

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
Baxter	5	1	26
McLellan	4	0	13
Parsons	4	0	15
Perry	2	0	5
Booker	17	0	5

ROYAL SCOTS—2ND INNINGS			
Capt. Duke, st. Zimmer, b. Perry	12		
Pte. Bateman, b. Ride	0		
Lt. Fergus, c. Griffiths, b. Ride	19		
Lt. Ford, l.b.w., b. Ride	0		
Cpl. Alsey, c. Booker, b. Mackay	19		
Sgt. Deveroux, c. Perry, b. Mackay	16		
Sgt. Peacock, l.b.w., b. Mackay	0		
Pte. Newson, c. Anderson, b. Attwell	4		
Sgt. Taylor, not out	13		
Extras (B13)	13		

Total (for 8 wks.)			
Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
Anderson	4	0	17
Ride	4	0	13
Perry	2	1	2
Attwell	4	0	28
Mackay	23	0	10

HONG CHOY & LEE DO WELL

Fine bowling by H. F. Lee was insufficient to give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" in an inter-Faculty match at Pokfulam yesterday, and the result was a draw.

Lee took 5 for 29 but Medicals still had three wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. Hong Choy was in great form with the bat and scored 52 for the Engineers.

ENGINEERS			
H. F. Lee, b. Gupta	17		
K. S. Lien, l.b.w., b. Mahmood	16		
G. Hong Choy, b. Amplavanan	52		
H. F. Ho, b. Gupta	0		
F. Kwai, c. Amplavanan, b. Gupta	9		
F. T. Lam, b. Gupta	9		
H. Singh, l. Mahmood	5		
B. Henhin, b. Amplavanan	0		
F. S. Tse, run out	0		
Y. W. Young, not out	1		
V. Vorvriell, b. Mahmood	34		
Extras (B34)	137		

Bowling Analysis			
	M.	O.	R.
Amplavanan	7	1	29
Mahmood	9	5	36
N. S. Chin	2	0	6
Sen Gupta	5	0	32

MEDICALS "A"			
J. Feuton, l.b.w., b. Lee	2		
Sen Gupta, l.b.w., b. Hong Choy	0		
T. T. Chin, b. Hong Choy	3		
S. Mahmood, c. Lam, b. Lee	27		
N. S. Chin, l.b.w., b. Lee	5		
K. S. Oh, c. and b. Lee	44		
K. S. Ooi, not out	7		
S. Amplavanan, b. Lee	4		
T. B. Teoh, not out	1		
Extras (B13)	13		

Total (for 7 wks.) 1			
K. S. Khoo and T. T. Teoh d			
not bat.			
Bowling Analysis			

Bowling Analysis			
	M.	O.	R.
Hong Choy	10	0	52
H. F. Lee	9	1	29
H. F. Ho	1	0	12

CAPTAIN PLAYED IN

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddies—of the rickshaw coolie variety and others—A. K. Mackenzie played himself in at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Caddies in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150 and 200, crowded the course in quest of the captain's first ball and the coveted dollar that went with it. Mackenzie hit a 200 yard drive down the fairway, the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a rickshaw coolie caddy, who brought back the bacon and took away a dollar!

Owing to indisposition His Excellency, the Acting Governor was unable to be present.

Groves Beats Rose In Keen Match

(By A. Special Correspondent)

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Frank Groves on winning the championship of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday.

Groves had a flying start and with 3's at the second and third and a 4 at the sixth was four up at that stage. Col. Rose hung on grimly and had reduced the arrears to one by the 17th. He missed a short putt at the 18th, however, and went into fifth two down.

Scoring was good—Groves being 70 for 17 holes having picked up at the 17th.

In the afternoon the standard of play fell away and scoring was much more liberal.

Football

THE defeat of Service Corps by 30th R.A. at Stanley was the only unexpected football result on Saturday. South China and Engineers, leading teams in Second Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hot on the heels of Air Force for Third Division honours and on Saturday accounted for International, only team yet to beat Air Force.

First Division results were as expected though the game between Navy and Middlesex was keenly contested.

Rugby

NAVY won the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament by beating Army by 11 points to nil on Club ground after holding a six point lead at the interval.

Bowls

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club held its Closing Day on Saturday, when prizes were during the season were presented by Sir Atholl MacGregor, acting President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who also took part in the day's match.

Over 20 rinks took part in a match between the Club and the Association. The Club's team, which included players from other clubs, lost by 31 shots.

ONE RECORD SMASHED AT S. CHINA SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a newcomer to the Colony, from Kwangtung Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time.

Lee led all the way to win the race comfortably by about three-quarters of a lap from Signalman Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals, Private Manson, of Royal Scots, who was one of the favourites for this race, faded out poorly and gave up after finishing only 18 rounds.

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole Vault event for Members at 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu Fook-sing, who was second, by no less than two inches.

Mr. Pok Po-chui distributed the prizes to the winners.

Results

OPEN EVENTS
10,000 Metres:—1, Lee Yuk-foon; 2, Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kim-fan. Time: 38 min. 7 sec.

Men's 1,600 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, South China Athletic Association; 2, Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Nam University. Time: 3 min. 58 sec.

Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four, Under five feet):—1, King's College and 2, Wah Yan College.

Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, Ling Nam University; 2, South China Athletic Association and 3, Wah Yan College. Time: 48 sec.

Ladies' 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, French Convent and 2, South China Athletic Association. Time: 58.8 sec.

MEMBERS' EVENTS

100 Metres:—1, Yu Kai-yan and 2, Sin Kwok-pun. Time: 12 sec.

400 Metres:—1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Cheung Kai-pui. Time: 58.2 sec.

110 Metres High Hurdles:—1, Wong Ki-lim; 2, Lui Kwai-chu and 3, Chu Fook-sing. Time: 19.2 sec.

Throwing Javelin:—1, Tam Hoi-chuen; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwam-ming. Distance: 80.08 metres.

Throwing Darts:—1, Yu Kai-yan and 2, Chu Fook-sing. Distance: 21.50 metres.

Shot-Put:—1, Wong Ki-lim and 2, Cheung Tung-hoi. Distance: 10.84 metres.

High Jump:—1, Chan Chai-shun; 2, Fong Chi-hung and 3, Tsang Kwam-ming. Height: 1.84 metres.

Pole Vault:—1, Fong Chi-hung; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Kwan Chiu-pui. Height: 9 ft. 3 in.

Long Jump:—1, Wong Ki-lim; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwam-ming. Distance: 5.88 metres.

200 Metres:—1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Lung Kai-ming. Time: 23.1 sec.

1,500 Metres:—1, Chan Chau-wai; 2, Lai Pun-yuen and 3, Lam Kim-fung. Time: 6 min. 2 sec.

800 Metres:—1, Lai Pun-yuen; 2, Chan Chau-wai and 3, Lau Shum-chi. Time: 3 min. 22.3 sec.

400 Metres Hurdles:—1, Lung Kai-ming; 2, Wang Shu-chun and 3, Tsang Kwam-ming. Time: 42.4 sec.



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SING TAO EASILY BEAT KWONG WAH

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 minutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by four clear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score.

Sing Tao were not at full strength, being without the services of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for the first time since his injury against Eastern.

It was only occasionally that Kwong Wah forwards were seen in any real attacking movements. Cheuk Shek-kam played on the right wing and though he sent over several good centres the other forwards found Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang too good for them. Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack. Yeung Tse-chong worked hard at wing half but did not assist his forwards very much.

Soong Ling-sing was outstanding in the Sing Tao defence. Occupying the pivotal position he kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Slow Wing

Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pak-wah were slow on the left wing. The former was badly in need of practice while Ip was not accurate with his passes. Fortunately for Sing Tao, both Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing played up so form as these were the only forwards able to do anything of note with the ball. Both were guilty however,

POPULAR NAVAL TRIUMPH

By "Scrum Half"

Navy have won the 1940-41 Rugby Tournament, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available, Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their triumph. It was indeed unfortunate that he was unable to play in any of the five games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday.

Paul, Honeywill and a hard-working pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set scrums nine times out of ten for practically three-quarters of the game. Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullified all their best efforts.

Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead of them, against Club, before they can be even runners-up.

Club easily accounted for Police, who were lost without Wall

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Sookunpoo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Cheung Wing-choi; (Sing Tao) Tsang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Tin-sang; (Sing Tao) Soong Ling-sing; (Sing Tao) Hau King-seng, (Eastern) and Tse Kam-hung; (South China) and Chung Yung-sum. (Eastern) (Fung King-cheong, (Sing Tao) V. K. Hyul, (Eastern) Lee Wai-tong, (South China) (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to, (Eastern).

M. V. Umfrayville, who kept wicket for the British Empire cricket eleven on many occasions during the summer, has joined the Royal Air Force to train as a rear-gunner. Umfrayville, who is twenty years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and is a useful soccer inside forward.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
Sing Tao	4	Kwong Wah 0
SECOND DIVISION		
Sing Tao	4	Kwong Wah 0
Police	6	Kw Chee 3
THIRD DIVISION		
12th R.A.	2	A.S.A. 0
Medicals	2	7th R.A. 2

wing headed in a centre from Yeung Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheong added another. Kwong Wah:—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai, Chung Fai-lam; Cheung Shui-fai, Chung Kim-fai, Leung Chi-cheong; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yuen-fat, Chu Chiu-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

Sing Tao:—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung Shui-yick.

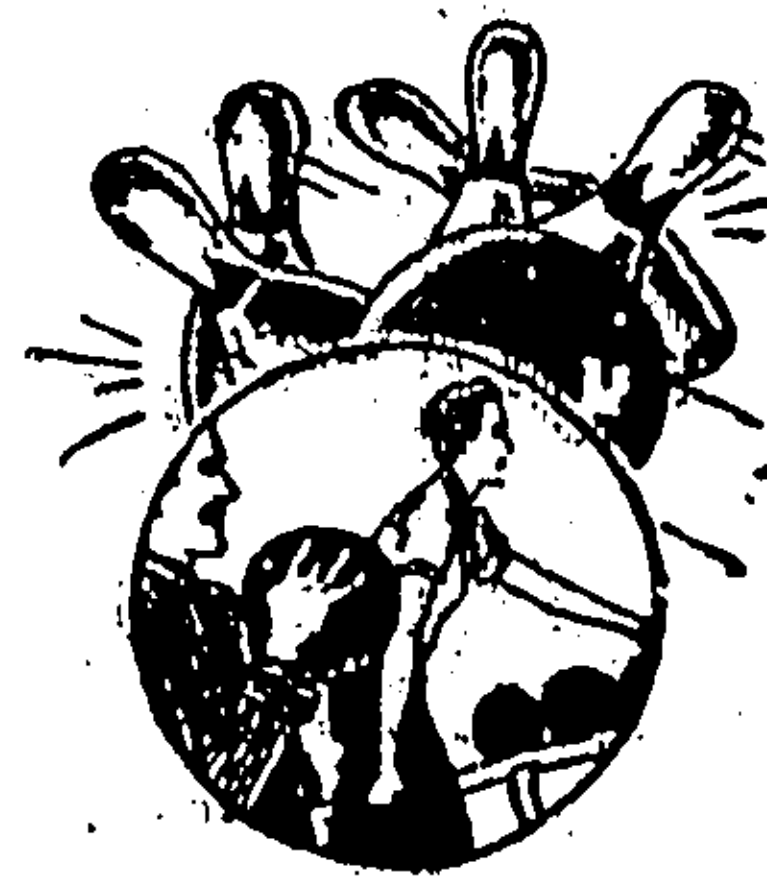
C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Le, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the season's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Saturday over a distance of 8.6 miles. Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J. Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the course.

The race for the Mixed Class was won by Ailsa (Capt. W. A. Ingram) with Widgeon (Major G. H. Brown) second and Owl (G. L. Eastgate) third. There were four entries.



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Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted yesterday by the German-controlled Paris Radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids a Frenchwoman said:

"The English at last! May God bless their bombs!"

The Italians, too, seem to have some misgivings, and an Italian National Councilor in Rome yesterday complained:

"Italy, while in a life-and-death struggle against the strongest Empire in the world, cannot trust the French."

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat." — *Reuter.*

ARABS' SUPPORT

THE SOUTHERN ARABS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY ARE NOW, REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARABIA.

The victories in the Western Desert have given them great de-

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kasala and east of Galabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable.

Signor Ansaldo, who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as leading Italian publicist — decried yesterday in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

Light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard prayers for a British victory," he said. — *Reuter.*

In making this statement, he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at British boasting after Sidi-Barani! — *Reuter.*

PAMPHLET APPEARS IN BUCHAREST

PAMPHLETS AGAINST NAZI TYRANNY AND RE-AFFIRMING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST — JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERMAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet. — *Reuter.*

SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGATION IN CAIRO STATED YESTERDAY THAT A PLOT AGAINST KING IBN-SAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenced to death and others sent to prison.

Before the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London circles said last night. That the British should harbour any malicious intentions against an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. — *Reuter.*

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STOP PRESS

In his broadcast last night, President Roosevelt reaffirmed in careful language the determination of his Administration to render all possible aid to Britain — and to build up America's defences until they are impregnable.

In most respects, the President's speech was a declaration of principles positively and broadly sketched, which will be filled in when he addresses Congress of January 6, says the Daily Telegraph's Washington correspondent. — *Reuter.*

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NAZIS FLY OVER EIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "unidentified" aircraft which flew over Dublin yesterday were apparently crossing Ireland to the Atlantic.

It was these raiders which attacked and, according to a German communique, "sank" a 9,000-ton British merchantman in the Atlantic and damaged several other ships in the same convoy 100 miles off northern Eire.

According to the Nazi communique these planes flew over London on their return, seeing "large fires all over the capital" following the new fiery night raid.—International News Service.

FRENCH "DIVISION" DEFEATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Thailand High Command communique issued in Bangkok yesterday claims that an entire French division was defeated in heavy fighting on the Indo-China frontier.

It is claimed that large quantities of French arms and ammunition were captured.—International News Service.

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at a place in north-west England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though some houses were damaged no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.

LOSSES IN A WEEK

During the week ended midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids over Britain, lost seven planes.

Two were lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, three on the night of Dec. 22/23, one during the day of Dec. 23 and one during the day of Dec. 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

One was lost on the night of Dec. 22/23, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of Dec. 26/27 and one on the night of Dec. 27/28.—Reuter.

NAZI TALE DENIED

REPORTS THAT A FRENCH PLANE WITH FIVE ON BOARD, INCLUDING HIGH PERSONAGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON ITS WAY TO FRANCE FROM MOROCCO, WERE DENIED BY THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco for France on that day, nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on Christmas Day with only civil technicians on board.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE DECISION CONDEMNED

The Argentine newspapers in Buenos Aires are commenting in strongly adverse terms on the Government's decision to ban Chaplin's new film "The Dictators," on the representations of the Italian Ambassador.—Reuter.

NO SHORTAGE OF ALUMINIUM

It is officially stated in New York that reports of a shortage of aluminium in the United States are incorrect and that supplies are ample for the defence programme.—Reuter.

THE ROOSEVELT TALK ON AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AN UNSLACKENED torrent of telegraphic appeals for and against increased aid to Britain poured into the White House yesterday as President Roosevelt prepared to deliver his momentous fireside chat, which was expected definitely to enunciate Administration policy on that point.

BORDER CLASHES

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BETWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANGKOK.

The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured. The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientiane but were quickly silenced.—Reuter.

VERY SATISFIED

Lord Willingdon, leader of the British Trade Mission which has now arrived in Santiago de Chile, said that he was very satisfied with the results of the visit to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay and he believed the Chile visit would prove equally successful.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, moderate, fair.

The National Broadcasting Company estimated that an American audience of 80,000,000, the greatest in history, awaited the speech, which was due to be delivered at 9.30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Short-wave excerpts from the speech were to be broadcast in many languages.

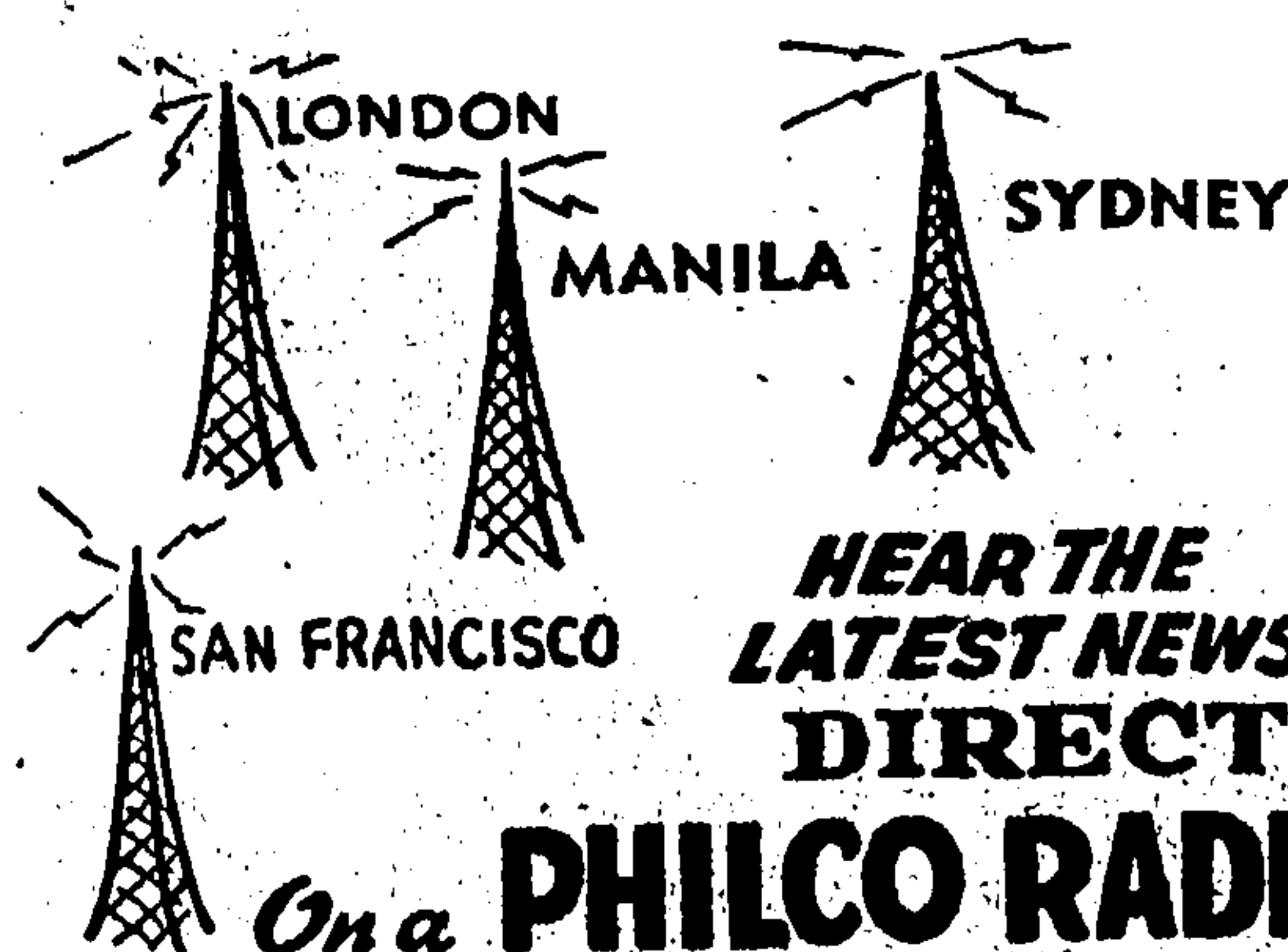
White House secretaries say the bulk of appeals support a policy of unstinting aid to Britain.

It was definitely learned that the President's speech would urge all possible aid to Britain on the grounds that the Administration is convinced Britain can win the war.—International News Service.

Careful Language

In his broadcast last night, President Roosevelt reaffirmed in careful language the determination of his Administration to render all possible aid to Britain and to build up America's defences until they are impregnable.

In most respects, the President's speech was a declaration of principles positively and broadly sketched, which will be filled in when he addresses Congress on January 3, after the "Daily" Telegraph's Washington correspondent.—Reuter.



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H.M.S. BERWICK IN ACTION

Clash With Enemy Raider Attacking Convoy



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on London a large crater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged. Photo shows broken windows at the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Lion in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

Christmas Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was hit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique.

One ship in the convoy was hit and received slight damage. The enemy withdrew at high speed as soon as she realised the convoy was escorted.

Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long range. Visibility had been variable and dropped rapidly to half a mile.

One shell burst amidships but it is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received slight damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had been informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea as an effective unit of the Navy.

During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire. It is considered probable she was acting as a supply ship. — Reuter.

Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed in 1927 and was formerly on the China station. She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet in November when our ships chased the Italians.

MISSIONARIES GOING HOME

About 200 American missionaries and their families will leave Shanghai for America aboard the "President Coolidge" on New Year's Day and about 100 more will leave by the "President Pierce" on January 6 and the "President Taft" on January 20, according to a Shanghai dispatch. — Central News.

FREE LIFT DRIVERS RUN RISK

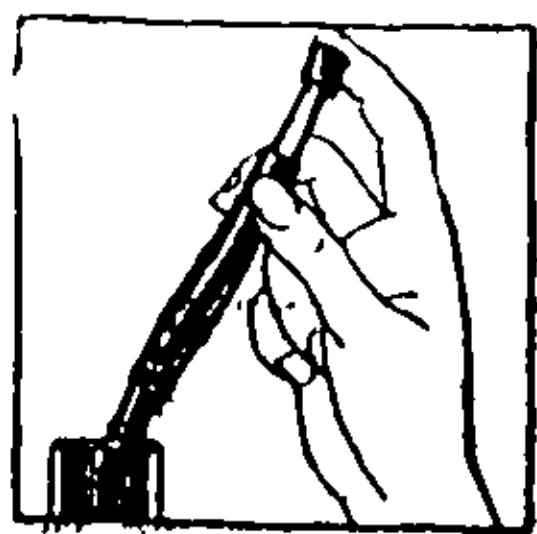
A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued if, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spitfire" box, may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given lifts at their own risk goes back to a rule that has been denounced by the House of Lords, and is "a bold suggestion to make."

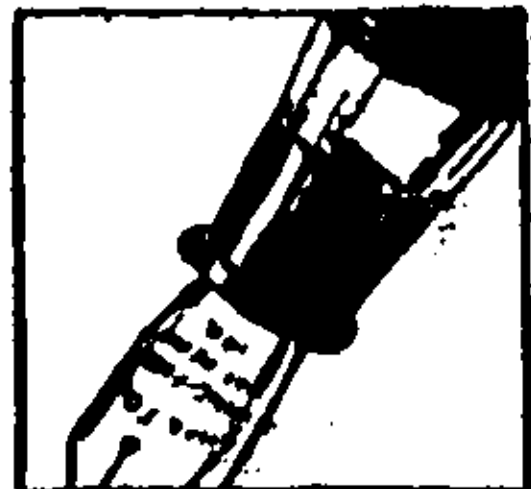
The Journal considers that if a driver says "I will take you to London for two shillings," he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney carriage licence. Moreover, his insurance policy may be invalidated.

Drivers who hang about railway stations to "earn an honest penny" by bringing pedestrians home play a game at least as dangerous as it is generous, and the driver who says, "Here is a box for the Spitfire fund. Will you put something into it?" runs into danger.

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KING STUDIES CONVOYING TACTICS

The King has personally assured himself of the great care with which arrangements for convoys are worked out by the naval authorities.

He recently visited a port for this purpose and he attended one of the informal conferences at which captains of merchantmen and escorting warships meet and discuss their problems before leaving.

Skippers and naval personnel were seated together round a table receiving instructions from a naval captain when the King walked into the room accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of the port.

At these conferences, which are always held a few hours before a convoy sails, the position each ship shall take is decided as well as methods to be adopted in case of attack either by surface raider, U-boat or aircraft.

The King was shown a chart of positions each ship would take, and also where escorting warships would be positioned and he listened to discussions at the conference.

Afterwards His Majesty met the skippers and talked with them individually. Several of the skippers were from Allied countries. The Commodore of this convoy was a Dutchman and the King had a long talk with him. — British Wireless.

DRIFTING MINES

Drifting mines were reported from Cheung Chau Island at 11.10 a.m. yesterday by the Water Police, according to a Harbour Department announcement this morning.



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MINE TRAGEDY IN INDIA

Four, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of Kastur colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine, says a message from Jharia (India).

The men were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them. Reuter.

INDIAN GUARD'S SUICIDE

An Indian guard (No. 430), L. Singh, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning, died in the Kowloon Hospital at 4.30 p.m.

He was on duty at the Kowloon Bus Company's premises in Castle Peak Road when the incident occurred.

He was only 25 years of age.

AGENCY NEWS MESSAGES SHOW THAT NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME ARE NOW RECEIVING HINTS FROM OFFICIAL CIRCLES THERE OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF A DECISIVE NATURE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND THEY REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN PUBLIC ARE BEING PERSUADED TO EXPECT SOME EARLY AND FAVOURABLE MOVE TO OFFSET RECENT ITALIAN DEFEATS.

A German attack on Britain is promised for early in the New Year. The story is that Hitler has decided to act soon so as to get in a blow before further American help can reach Britain.

Italian newspapers are telling their readers the attack will take place in surprising form and that many new secret weapons will be used. This last touch is recognised in London as a familiar formula in the war of nerves.

On the other hand, if the rumours are intended for the outside world, all verisimilitude has been taken from them by a detail added in Rome to the effect that the German attack on Britain will be accompanied by "strong Italian parallel action in the Mediterranean."

Therefore, journalistic circles in London tend to regard this Rome campaign as chiefly intended as an antidote at home to the de-

pression created by Italian reverses.

Not Impressed

Similar suggestions, obviously inspired in Berlin, were recently reproduced from neutral newspapers in the British press but no great importance seemed to be attached to them.

After the Prime Minister's warning before the parliamentary recess that Hitler's need for some action might lead him to attempt invasion at any time, and the consequent confidence that the authorities are on the alert, the press and public are not inclined to be particularly impressed by repetition of old threats from Berlin.

Nevertheless there is general satisfaction at the unmerciful hammering which the "invasion bases" have been receiving day and night from the R.A.F. since Christmas.—British Wireless.

FEEBLE EXPEDIENT

Rome Radio, in its efforts to create mistrust of British war news, yesterday adopted a rather feeble expedient.

It accused the B.B.C. and Cairo of issuing widely differing reports of the number of Italian machines destroyed — alleging that while the former claims Italian losses as two planes the latter gave 24.

Rome was half correct in its facts. It only omitted to mention that the figure given by the B.B.C. was for the single day of December 26 and the Cairo figure related to the number of aircraft shot down by a single squadron during six and a half months of war in the Western Desert.—British Wireless.

PLEA ACCEPTED

"I am a stranger to Hong Kong," pleaded a 29-year-old Hoklo junkmaster in the Marine Court this morning when he was charged with entering the West Lamma Channel minefield.

In reply to Commander J. Jolly, acting Harbour Master, Sergeant Mayor stated that the plea was feasible since defendant had been in charge of the boat for only four days.

Defendant was cautioned.

ANTI-FASCIST RALLIES IN INDIA

Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian world of Labour are holding Labour rallies all over the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial leaders are joining.—Reuter.



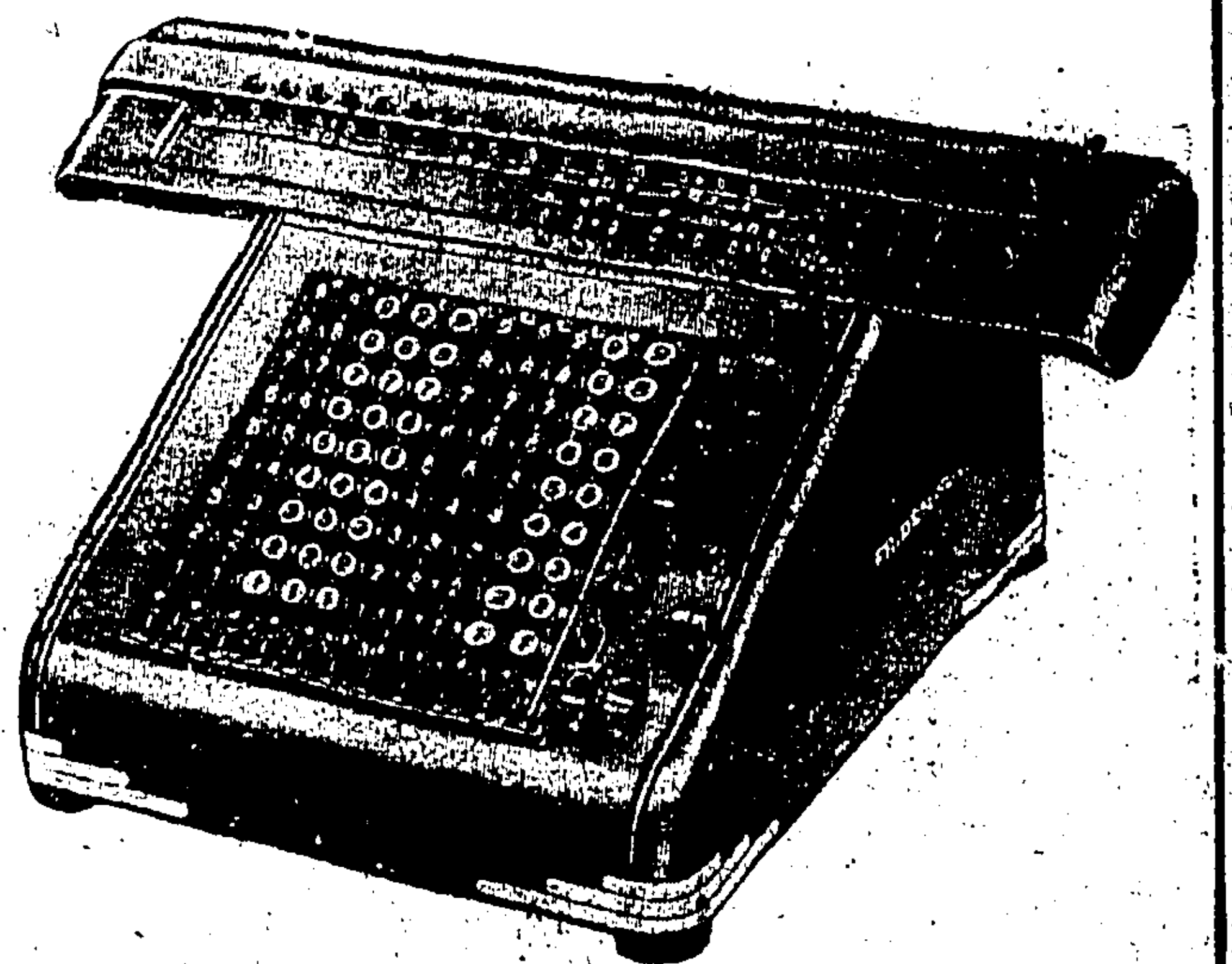
MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Premier, signs an autograph for a little admirer, whilst awaiting a train to London. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and General Sikorsky, the Polish Prime Minister, he had been inspecting more of Britain's defences. (Copyright, Fox).



A 26-year-old pilot, only two weeks on active service, has provided one of the war's most remarkable stories. After shooting down a Messerschmidt 109 in the Channel he began to attack eight more. He sorted out one, gave it an eight-second burst and it fell away from the others. He jockeyed into position, pressed the button again, but nothing happened for he had used up all his ammunition. The pilot drew alongside the Messerschmidt and pressed the button again. The enemy pilot, with a jerk of his thumb, got down without response. He hit the enemy machine, drew ahead, until he was abreast of the Hurricane's starboard wing. Then he pulled the Hurricane's wings and chopped the Messerschmidt's tail clean off. It fell into the sea. More than a foot of the Hurricane's wing had been ripped off but the pilot was unscathed. The Messerschmidt and pilot were seen to fall into the sea. (Copyright, Fox).

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Western Desert Air Encounter

TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

ANTI-HOARDING ORDERS IN CHUNGKING

FURTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT HOARDING OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER DAILY NECESSITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPECULATION, HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED BY GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Shops or individuals hoarding foodstuffs must sell them prior to January 26. (Chinese New Year Eve).

If stocks cannot be fully sold out before that date, they must be registered with the government and can continue to be sold after that date.

Possession of large stocks which have not been registered, will after that date, be considered as hoarding. Stocks will be confiscated and the owners court-martialed.

Government will protect legitimate profits for owners who sell or register their stocks. — Central News.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—

Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Hall \$1,000; "Dicers" R. H. G. C. \$10; "Christmas Gifts" \$100; Charles Pfister \$10; T. C. Fairburn (in memory of Capt. R. Allinson) \$10; Capt. I. Lossius November \$20; "A friend of Miss Evelyn Gray" \$25; Kowloon Docks Recreation Club for St. Dunstons 9th donation \$159; Miss M. Wentworth \$20; S. W. P. Perry (Monthly) \$25; Hong Kong Office of the Eagle & Globe steel Co., Ltd. \$250; anonymous \$20; A. Whitaker (Monthly) \$5; The Hong Kong Chinese Relief Association per Mr. Ho Kom Tong \$750; "Lost Bel" \$10; "Guernseyman" \$10; The Asia Co. \$500; Maurice Barton for St. Dunstons \$15 and Fanling Club House Golfers Christmas Dinner \$117. Total now \$623,042.87.

JUMBLE SALE OF HER HOME

One of Goering's tip-and-run heroes dropped a bomb on the house of Mrs. Taylor, in the West Country.

Instead of being dismayed, she promptly held a jumble sale for the benefit of the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund.

From the ruins of her home she calmly retrieved any still recognisable belongings. The open-air auction fetched £4 for bomb-soiled furniture.

When crowds came to look at the ruins Mrs. Taylor picked the few autumn flowers left in her small garden and sold them as souvenirs.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved rapidly eastward leaving a ridge of high pressure between Indo-China and Japan and a relatively low area over Manchuria.

The French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, arrived from Chungking on Saturday and will sail for Shanghai during the next few days.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused. The successful bombing of Valona, on the foreshore of southern Albania, is also reported.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad weather.

All British aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO RAM HEAD-ON

A Junkers 88 pilot became so desperate after a Blenheim fighter had chased him for over 50 miles that he attempted to ram his pursuer head-on. Suddenly turning at the end of the chase, he drove his Junkers straight at the Blenheim. He nearly succeeded, the bomber passing only ten yards underneath the fighter.

The Blenheim pilot had pre-

GIFT 'PLANE FROM LOCKHEED FACTORY

A Hudson Bomber named "Spirit of Lockheed and Vega" has just arrived in Britain. It has come from America.

This machine was presented by managers and employees of the Lockheed Aircraft Company and the Vega Aeroplane Company and is a gift to the British nation.—British Wireless.

viously opened fire and damaged the bomber. When last seen the bomber was flying slowly, with oil pouring out.

PEAK THEFTS

Mrs. Lamb, of No. 523, The Peak, informed the police that clothing valued at \$138 has been stolen from her residence.

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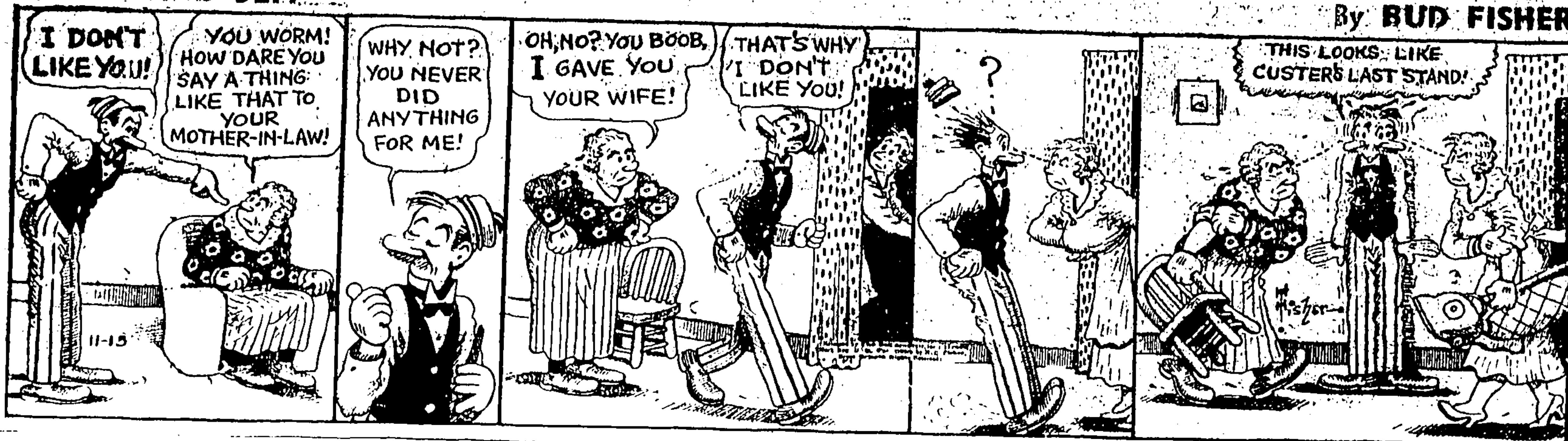


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CZECH SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia. It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Caslav, has been arrested together with two administrative functionaries who are accused of sabotage acts against the institution of food ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at upsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed by a widespread organisation, free of charge, amongst trustworthy Czech patriots.

It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused is substantial.

M.P. CALLS AIRMAN PRINCE A "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

Mr. Wedgwood. Is it not rather indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight on our side, and should be paid by us in the war for democracy, and against all that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Balfour: I reject that suggestion whole heartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

life in the air and fight in our cause, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on Austria at the end of the war?

Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is a different question from the one on the paper. If this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his life, he deserves our gratitude.

Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other aliens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgwood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

No reply was given. Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich. Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehr in Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria.

DAMAGES FOR SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property owners are giving to the national cause the sums awarded them as compensation for damage due to forced landings by R.A.F. aircraft.

In the Isle of Wight a bomber came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turf near the cricket pitch.

Mr. K. S. Mitcheson, the owner, has generously suggested that the sum awarded to cover the damage should be paid to the Spitfire Fund.

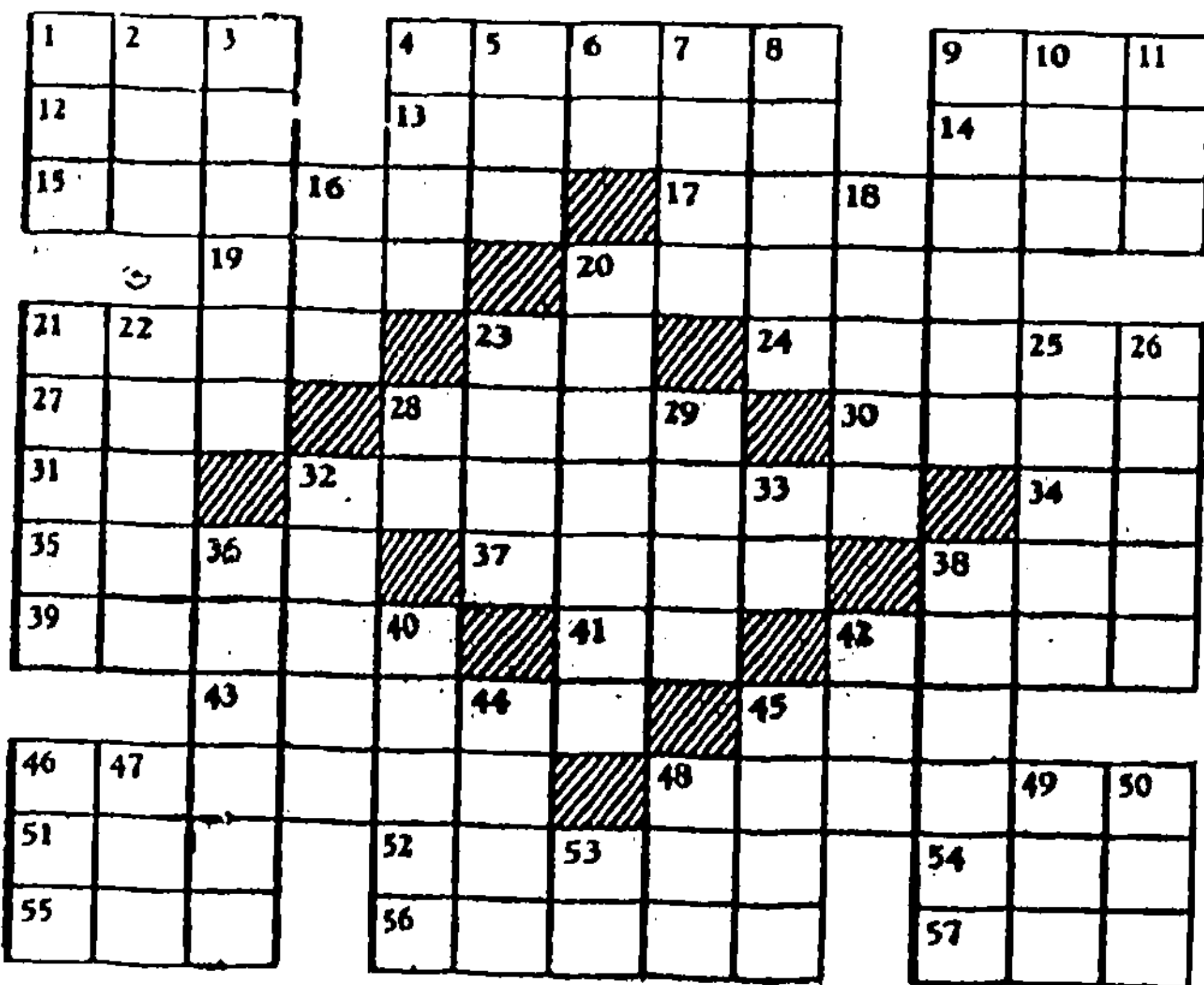
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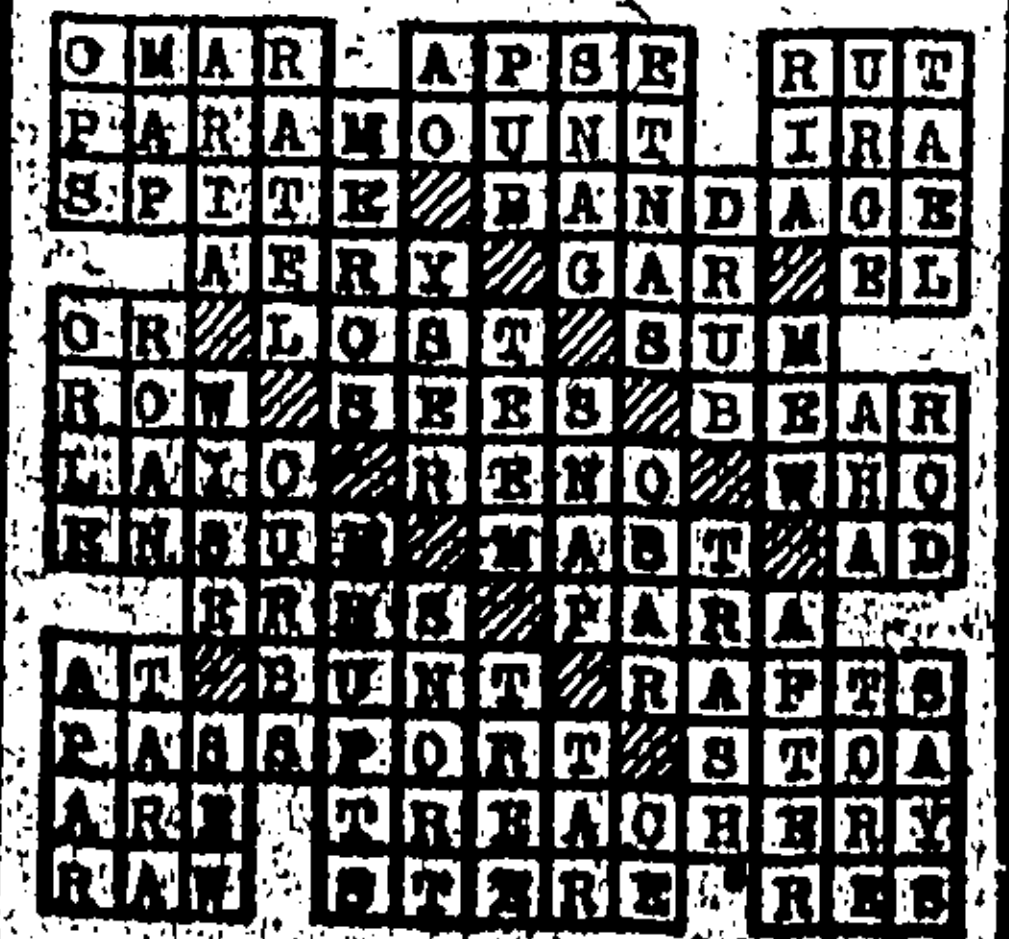
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To weaken
- 4 European country
- 9 Bovine
- 12 Wing
- 13 To fasten
- 14 To prevail
- 15 Deadly
- 17 Shoulder
- 19 Decade
- 20 To sting
- 21 Prophet
- 23 Symbol for gold
- 24 Laps
- 27 Sailor
- 28 Poisonous snakes
- 30 To demonstrate
- 31 Bone
- 32 To set forth
- 34 Concerning
- 35 Mother of Apollo
- 37 Part
- 38 Beverage
- 39 Foreign
- 41 As stated
- 42 To burn the surface of
- 43 Soap plant
- 45 Equality

VERTICAL

- 1 Sodium chloride
- 2 Beverage
- 3 Repetition of slight sounds
- 4 To reach
- 5 Slang: friend
- 6 White
- 7 Entry
- 8 Asiatic kingdom
- 9 To grasp

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



- 10 To lubricate
- 11 Small
- 16 Pronoun
- 18 To ascend
- 20 To assume as true
- 21 Ancient Roman garment
- 22 Painter's stand
- 23 Ancient stringed instrument
- 25 Chosen
- 26 To affirm
- 28 Land measure
- 29 Composition for a single voice
- 32 Verses
- 33 Compass point
- 36 Coronets
- 38 To beat out, as grain
- 40 Din
- 42 Rotating piece
- 44 Reclined
- 45 Sheet of glass
- 46 Moccasin
- 47 The self
- 48 To permit
- 49 Prefix: new
- 50 To hit lightly
- 53 Sun god

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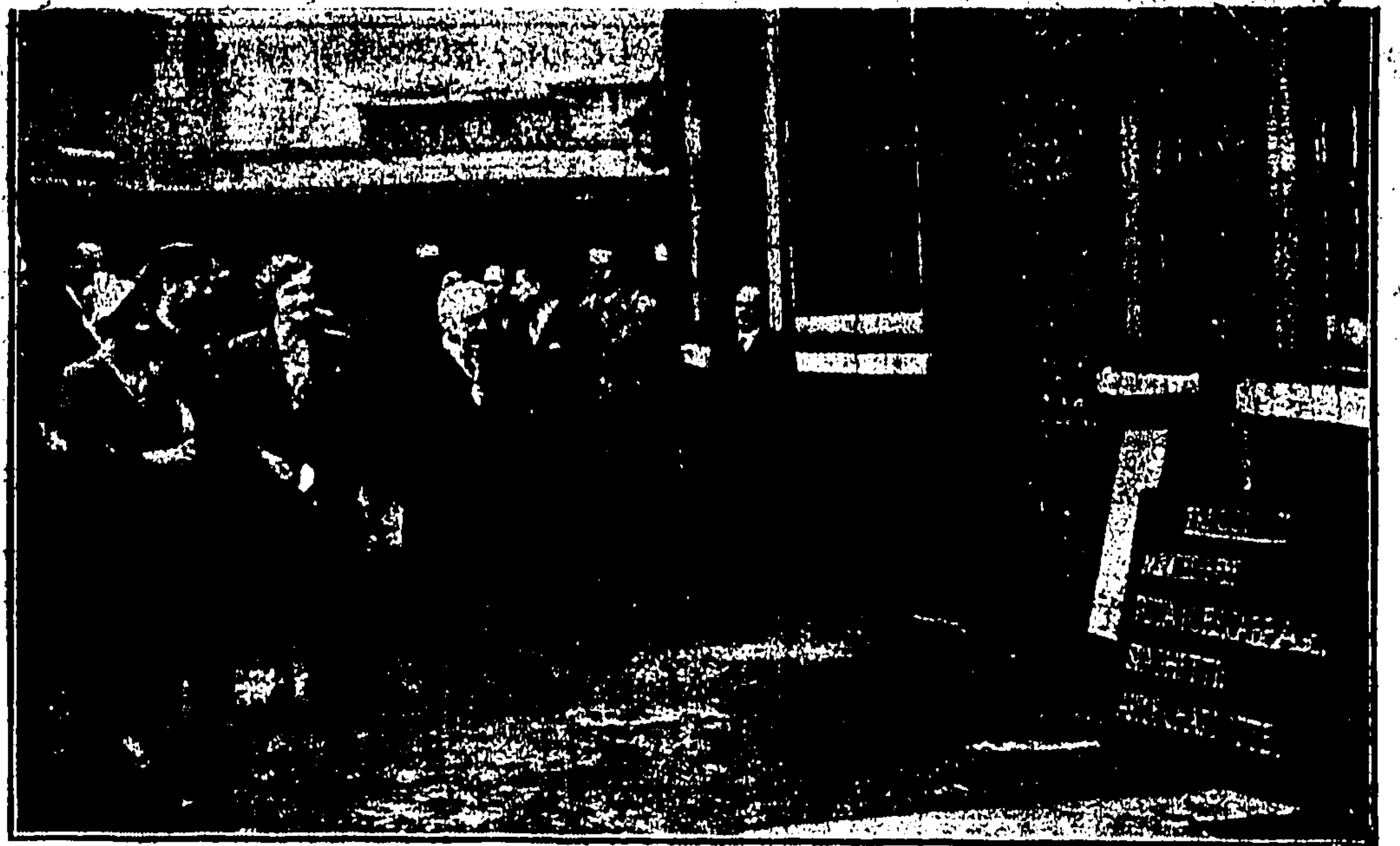
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KOWLOON



Their Majesties the King and Queen recently visited Communal Centres in South London and chatted to people who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meals for a few pence. Photo shows Their Majesties studying the menu at the Communal Centre. Copyright, Fox).

LATEST GALLUP POLL

No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows.

The "New York Times" reports that in response to the question "Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent answered "Yes."

The second World War has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes. — Reuter.

JAPANESE OPEN SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, which has been closed to the public since the Japanese occupation of Canton, will be partially opened by the Japanese military authorities on January 1, when a regular train service will be resumed between Canton and Sun-kai, north of Canton, says a semi-official Japanese report.

Trains will stop at seven stations between Canton and Sun-kai. — Reuter Special.

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and the team spirit. — Reuter.

HIS SECOND "MISHAP"

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$522 BETWEEN NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 15, WONG KWAI, 30, RENT COLLECTOR, WAS REMANDED FOR 72 HOURS BY MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING, TO MAKE RESTITUTION.

According to Detective-Sergeant V. Morrison, defendant was employed as a rent collector by Hang Yuk-ming, of No. 474, Hennessy Road. He collected rents amounting to \$522 and converted them to his own use.

A few years ago defendant was involved in an identical case but was given a chance.

Defendant said he lost the money and failed to inform his employer about it.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

OVER 600 RADIO STATIONS WILL TRANSMIT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST IN AMERICA AND A DOZEN SHORT-WAVE TRANSMITTERS WILL CARRY THE TALK THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND INTO THE FAR EAST IN MANY LANGUAGES.

Urging President Roosevelt to give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the newspaper "Washington Post" yesterday said: "Britain should fight not with her back to the wall but with her back to American factories." — Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING IN INDIA

The need of Indian youths taking advantage to the utmost of facilities for military training in every branch of the war effort were stressed by various conferences held all over India during Christmas week. — Reuter.

MYSTERY 'PLANES OVER EIRE

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncarona and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified. — Reuter.

LORRYLOAD OF PINES DETAINED

Four persons on board were arrested when a lorry loaded with 6,720 catties of pine tree wood, proceeding along Taiipo Road early yesterday morning, was stopped by the police.

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen this morning, the four were charged with unlawful possession. First and second accused were fined \$100 or 12 weeks' hard labour, while third and fourth accused were fined \$60 or two months.

KOWLOON "BOY" ACCUSED

A house boy, Leung Wah-chi, 25, employed at No. 21, Granville Road, who went to Dairy Farm and Cold Storage Company, Nathan Road, on Saturday to make a purchase and produced a forged \$1 note, was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning with knowingly uttering a forged note, and with possession of two similar notes. Accused was remanded until Thursday for further enquiries.

A POOR INVENTOR

Charged with giving false information to Sergeant Haynes at Hongkum Police Station on Saturday night, Ng Chung-pang, 28, was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused made a report at 9 p.m. stating that he had been robbed of \$134 by two robbers, one armed with a knife and the other with a dagger, who held him up in Chatham Road at 9.30 p.m.

After interrogation, accused admitted that his story was untrue.

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WOMEN AND THE WAR

Nothing could demonstrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the temper of the National Conference of Labour Women at Southport. Of 300 delegates from Labour organisations all over the country only three dissented from a resolution to the effect that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion. Nobody can suspect these women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt that they know from intimate experience the terrible cost of war in life, health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in domestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one country after another in the last months of 1918, spreading death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world." The whole weight of this body of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our ill-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands go through life disabled in health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious circle must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk about the ideology of loving-kindness or common sense or right and justice. All the decencies of existence have been able to get along very comfortably without any ideologies in the jargon sense of to-day to support them; it is only the smash-and-grab raid and the system of oppression which call for that particular verbal buttress. And so we reach the curious conclusion that a term which was originally

SOMETHING closer than mere occasional cooperation—something closely approaching union—has now appeared on the horizon of Anglo-American relations.

Both in London and Washington, serious consideration is being given for the first time to deeper implications of the need for co-ordinating National defence plans of Great Britain and the United States. As a result, there is a steadily growing conviction that the underlying unity of interests and mutual security of the two English-speaking peoples must find expression in more permanent and far-reaching form of co-operation hardly distinguishable from some measure, at least, of union.

This is the climax that has lately been reached by one of the most significant undercurrents stirred by war. Relations between America and Great Britain have unquestionably been hurled forward and upward by the course of recent world events.

Effect Of Election

Outcome of the American Presidential election appears likely to favour and further this trend in Britain Mr. Roosevelt is rightly

or wrongly looked upon as the greatest possible exponent of ever closer and more active cooperation between the American and British peoples.

In any case, there is no doubt Nazism and Fascism with their ever-expanding ambitions of

ever, but practical problems of defence—a very realistic and immediate mutual danger and need of meeting it—that has given the recent fresh impulse to the present tendency toward far-reaching Anglo-American cooperation.

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude jolt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole continent under totalitarian terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States. Simultaneously, or nearly so, America realised that her own security depended on aiding Britain. This mutual awakening to their interdependence in the matters of security and defence led to the formation of the American-Canadian Joint Defence Board and thence to agreement whereby the United States obtained much-needed naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the Royal Navy.

These two pacts, however, vital and historic innovations as they were, are but main outward signs of a co-ordination of defence

means and measures of two nations that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in detail at this stage. Production of planes, design and manufacture of tanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments and military, naval, air staffs that cannot fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic political fields. The same applies to economic financial matters under present total war conditions.

Peace Also Considered

Nevertheless, it is at least as much for peace and reconstruction as for war, that Britain is looking toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the number and calibre of British people who to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint Anglo-American task. Cabinet Ministers, labour leaders, military and naval chiefs have expressed privately—and more cautiously in public statements as well—their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently upon occasion, but lastingly upon a far-seeing basis, is there any real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years. Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved permanently on the basis of justice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving peace as well as aiding administration of justice.

It is to the late Lord Lothian that much of the credit for progress in Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London. His success in replacing previous distrusts and coldness by confidence and good will has won recognition on both sides of the Atlantic as an outstanding diplomatic achievement of democracy—fitting reply to "force-diplomacy" of totalitarian dictatorships.

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress, however, it is vital to realise that relations between the United States and Britain are emphatically in a state of transition. One has only to recall the friction that flared up over the British opening of American mails less than a year ago to appreciate this point. Events have moved fast and far since then, but Anglo-American cooperation still is in a state of flux.

Much depends now on whether the United States enters the war; and if so how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes to the plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry" aid to Britain—aid deeply appreciated but dearly bought, too, it should not be forgotten—it is in the first place doubtful whether any country would have any say in framing peace except Germany; and in the second place it is certain that even if Britain finally won with only commercial assistance from the United States, America could hardly expect to have much say about the peace settlement that would follow.

One of Many Questions

Fortunately for the future of Anglo-American unity, there is evidence that this important fact is being frankly faced. This is only one of countless thorny questions and difficulties that must be solved before union—even a very modest partial measure of union—between Britain and America becomes practical.

Nevertheless, the current of thought in both countries is to-day flowing strongly—more strongly than ever before in history—in that direction, and this unquestionably constitutes one of the most encouraging aspects of the warring world in transition.

Need Of Anglo-American Unity

By Mallory Browne

world domination have since the beginning of the war whipped up the normally sluggish stream of Anglo-American relations into a rushing torrent. As Mr. J. L. Garvin of "The Observer," wrote recently, history will probably record the ironical fact that Adolf Hitler's greatest achievement was to unite Britain and America.

Actually, of course, Herr Hitler and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwittingly and unwittingly helped precipitate a trend that has long been inherent in the basic unity of origin and ideals of two countries.

It is not abstract idealism, how-

those in Siam by fast steamer services. Experienced Japanese publicists have been sent to Thailand to explain "The New Order in East Asia."

Japan, in short, has "got in on the ground floor" of Siamese nationalism, and her agents have won to key positions throughout the country.

Under a military dictatorship herself, Thailand has looked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationalism. Not since 1917, when she declared war on Germany, has she stressed national defence so much as now. Since 1932 the amount spent on defence each year has more than doubled, and now accounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has been introduced, and the army has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10,000 non-commissioned officers.

Most of the officers have been trained in Japan, and Japan also built 85 per cent. of the small, but modern, fleet, which now includes a destroyer, four submarines, and 18 torpedo-boats. Eighty-five per cent. also of the officers in Thailand's navy were trained in Japan, and the extent to which Japan has influenced the country's new military power is shown by the fact that some commands are given in the Japanese language.

A similar rejuvenation has taken place in the air force, which has grown from five planes, in 1935, to more than 150 front-line American fighting planes to-day.

Running A Risk

Discontent with the present order as the result of a growth of nationalism among a backward people has been fostered by Japan for her own ends with conspicuous success in Thailand, and what is true there is true in other Eastern countries, though not to the same extent. Nowhere has Japan expended so much effort with such success as among the Siamese.

Efforts by Britain and France to check Thailand's tendency to become a puppet State taking orders from Tokyo have met with some success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neutrality. But to-day Japanese power in Eastern waters and along Thailand's borders is in the ascendancy. Encouraged by Japan and anxious to take advantage of the new situation, the Siamese are apparently willing to assist the growth of Japanese power in the Far East and run the risk of themselves becoming subservient to an ally whom they helped to power.

Should that situation arise Britain's interests, as well as those of Thailand, will be endangered, for beyond Thailand lie Malaya and Burma, gateways to Australia and India.

Pawn In Asian Strategy

(By A Special Correspondent)

When the Government at Bangkok in 1939 discarded the name Siam for the more ancient and honourable title of Muang Thai—Land of the Free—it convinced one, except perhaps the Siamese themselves, that Thailand had not won and still retained her independence by the grace of her more powerful neighbours.

Thailand's present position ominously resembles that of some European States. Her claims to territory outside her present borders are based, like those of Germany, on ancient boundaries won by conquest and on the presence of Siamese minorities in the disputed areas. Her ambition is to embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the Shan States of Burma, and even the provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan in China, and she claims that within these areas are Siamese-speaking minorities totalling 14,000,000—or more than Thailand's present population.

These ambitions have been encouraged by Japan, who, under the cloak of aiding Thailand's national aspirations, has steadily directed Siamese policy for her own advantage. It was Japanese influence which caused Thailand to embarrass the Chinese Government at a critical stage of the Sino-Japanese war, and the same influence is responsible for Thailand's present pressure on French Indo-China.

In very similar circumstances Germany encouraged Poland in her demands on Czechoslovakia, and aided Slovakia against the Czechs. Far Eastern observers have not failed to draw the comparison, and to point out the danger to Thailand's independence should she eventually stand in the way of a too-powerful Japan.

Japanese Infiltration

Thailand entered the twentieth century with her ancient border quarrels apparently ended, and she turned with great enthusiasm

concerned with the absolute value of pure ideas now means something which is poisonous or contemptible. It would be rather a good thing if such a remarkable example of debased verbal currency could be dropped altogether. Unfortunately it is one of those words which exercise a fatal fascination over victims of the jargon complex. They, at any rate, become only too easily "wrapped up" in ideologies.

to the promotion of internal reforms and the modernisation of her agriculture, industry, and institutions.

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found nationalism was aided by her neighbours, particularly Britain and Japan, and received impetus after the bloodless political and social revolution of 1932, which was followed by the founding of a virtual military dictatorship.

The Japanese, in aiding Thailand, have entrenched themselves in the country's life. Practically every Government department, the army, the navy, the majority of the banks, and nearly all commercial firms have Japanese advisers. Japan now occupies the same commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia.

Japan has played cleverly on the enthusiastic nationalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Cambodia was "seized" by the French, or to insist that for 50 years Thailand's industrial and financial activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese foreign policy.

Thailand has apparently failed to realise Japan's ulterior aims, selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is now so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok Government is rapidly losing the very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

The reports which have circulated from time to time of rifts in the relations between Thailand and Japan have invariably originated in Tokyo. In every case the reports have proved false, and have been designed, apparently, to lull Thailand's neighbours into a false estimate of Japan's influence in the strategically important little kingdom.

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's relations with Thailand dates back to 1914, and despite the rise of British influence, to-day Japan plays a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thailand was one nation which refused to vote against Japan when the League of Nations condemned the campaign against Manchukuo.

During the last eight years when Siamese nationalism has been changing the course and shape of Thailand, the Japanese have utilised the new trend of thought among a careless, carefree, but vain and intensely patriotic people, for their own advantage. Japan has increased her trade with Thailand, and linked her ports to

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Yesterday marked the end of the second month since the invasion of Greece — but how different was the position from the rosy expectations of the Italians when they began to invade Greece.

Instead of an easy victory and an early one, the Italian troops have found themselves pushed back into Albania by the Greeks.

Unconfirmed reports in the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan.

The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in snow. — Reuter.

Heights Occupied

It is stated in press reports from Athens that Greek troops advancing north of Chimara have gained possession of an important mountain position.

In the Tepelini-Klissora sector the Greeks have occupied more strategic heights from which the Italians have withdrawn their last troops.

Prisoners have been taken and material captured includes a field gun. — British Wireless.

**TWO LONDONERS
"FLEW" IN
AN IRON BOX**

By A Special Correspondent

TWO BIG BOMBS crashed in a London street. This is what happened: Two people were sheltering in a disused water tank standing inside a building which received a direct hit.

The tank was blown into the air. It came down on top of the wrecked building. The two people were still inside it — and very much alive.

The other bomb—a thousand pounder—landed opposite a building in which Old Bill is night watchman.

Bill, his spell of duty over, was asleep when the explosion wrecked the front of the building and shattered every piece of glass around him.

When anxious wardens arrived to rescue Bill he told them to go away. "No Hitler or anybody else is going to spoil my sleep," he said. And turned over in his bed of broken glass and debris.

Girls' Bravery

In a house which was almost levelled to the ground three young girls were buried by debris. They were dressed only in thin night clothes and lay between a heavy

pile of bricks and dust directing wardens to them.

"They were extremely brave," said a warden who helped to rescue them. "They kept calling out 'A little to the left' or 'A little to the right' until we reached them."

"All they asked for when we got them out was a cup of tea."

Baby's Escape

With a doctor standing by with oxygen, A.R.P. wardens worked desperately in darkness for three-quarters of an hour to dig out a three-month-old baby from the wreckage of a house in a London suburb.

They reached the baby—and found it unhurt.

Over the child rafters had formed a protective barrier which took the weight of tons of crashing debris.

The other occupants of this house were unhurt.

Blind Folk Bombed

Seventy blind men and women in an institution at a South-West town were being led back from their shelters when one bomb hit a shelter and another the bedrooms to which they were being taken.

Only two men were injured, both by flying glass.

"There was no panic," the matron told a reporter. "Some of the men were thrown on the floor, but they picked themselves up, and the attendants and myself led them to another shelter that had not been touched."

"I could not find an old man, but just as we were going to the shelter he came along the corridor saying: 'It is all right, matron. I have got my gas-mask and overcoat.'"

**RAGGED
BODY OF
RAIDERS**

By A Special Correspondent

The first bombing squadrons came over Dover high during the morning, taking advantage of huge cloud-banks, which roofed the Channel, and which, except for a large blue gap over the Dover area, stretched for miles inland.

A.A. fire met them and forced them to change course into a lane, at the end of which our fighters awaited them farther inland. Barely had the noise of their engines died away than it began to swell up again, as many, at least, of the bombers started coming back seawards.

Soon in a great open blue patch of sky they came swarming back in a ragged body of about 50. Spitfires tackled them, split them up further, and dispersed the mob of bombers east and west along the coast.

Terrific Dog-Fight

A terrific dog-fight followed. A burst of cannon fire, succeeded quickly by a whip-like crack and crackle of machine-gun fire out of sight in a black, rain-charged cloud, and a Messerschmidt dived down from over the sea a few hundred feet above the cliff-top where I stood.

As I watched a tiny flame broke out at his tail. The plane turned over. The pilot, working desperately, righted it again temporarily and tried to pancake.

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ARMLESS, A KEY MAN AT A.R.P. POST

(An armless, unpaid volunteer warden goes to it for eighteen hours a day in Britain's front line. A Special Correspondent who spent a night on duty with him tells how this great-hearted little man does his bit for his country).

Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. To the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of the shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

I challenged him to 201 up at darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dart into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee wailed. That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking out whistle.

Into the street he ran, blowing the alert. Then back he came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the boys as they hurried in. "You're here first again!"

The floor is Joe's desk. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid—among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary; Taffy Young, an aircraftman on leave; Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the tavern next door.

The phone rang. Joe picked it up fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for nearly a year," Joe told me. "I volunteered on October 28 last year. I'm unpaid."

"I'm no good to the Army. But I can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do."

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner."

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cares to send—and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he said. "But I want to be outside—in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice. He shepherds the elderly and children to shelter.

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show, performing with his feet tricks many men cannot do with their hands. The war killed that. Now he has no job except A.R.P. And that is unpaid. He lives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

A Hampden Bomber aerodrome. Somewhere—in England now boasts of having two V.C.s stationed there, though they are not in the same squadron.

The two heroes are Sergeant John Hannah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

The bomber squadron to which Sergeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland in 1917, and a few months later it began operations in France. In one operation in the last war six pilots carried out a dangerous mission, and each of them received the D.F.C.

In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputation, and, before Sergeant Hannah's act of bravery, it had earned one D.S.O., thirteen D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s.

BERLIN ASKS "HOW LONG?"

The Berlin correspondent of the "Hufvudstadsblad" reports that Berliners are becoming resigned to a second winter of war, and are only asking whether decisive military action may be expected next year and whether the R.A.F. intends to continue, and for how long, flying over and bombing Germany.

The Berlin Press is trying to console the population of the capital by claiming that the authorities are going to use the winter to consolidate the positions acquired in foreign territory and by stressing the people's ability to sustain the coming winter's rigours with the same courage as was displayed last winter.

"He's the most useful man I've got," Les Couchman said. "He did a grand job when we took the gas-mask census. He saw that everyone's mask fitted properly."

Joe smiled and got on with his job.

"Here, Son," Les called a minute later. "I've got a new job for you—distribution of earplugs."

"Right," replied Joe. "I'll be there." And he will.

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♠ K 10 7 4	♥ J 7	♦ K 7 6 5	♣ J 10 4
♠ 5 2	♥ A K Q 9	♦ 5	♣ Q J 9
♠ A K Q 9	♥ 4	♦ A 10 2	♣ A 9 8 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Dbl. Pass 1♥
1♠ 3♣ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

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KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0

A game contract was reached at only three tables and the bidding difficulty should have convinced the three Declarers that they could earn a good score without making overtricks.

But two of them fell by the wayside. In each case West opened the hearts, and South ruffed the second round. But one Declarer made the mistake of drawing three rounds of trumps. West got in with the club Queen to lead another heart, punching out dummy's last trump, and then West still had two established hearts to take when he regained the lead with the club King.

The second Declarer drew only the Ace and Queen of trumps, properly enough, but then led a diamond to dummy's King to take the club finesse. West won with the Queen of clubs and returned the Queen of diamonds. Then nothing could stop West from making a diamond trick as well as the inevitable heart and two clubs.

The successful Declarer drew two rounds of trumps with the Ace and Queen—and then cashed the club Ace! A low club allowed West to win, but now no defence could defeat South. A heart return would give South eleven tricks; and a diamond return by West would be taken by dummy, and East's last trump would be drawn. Then another club would be conceded, and South get the

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♠ Q 4 3
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♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A J 7 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Miler
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	(?)	

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♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

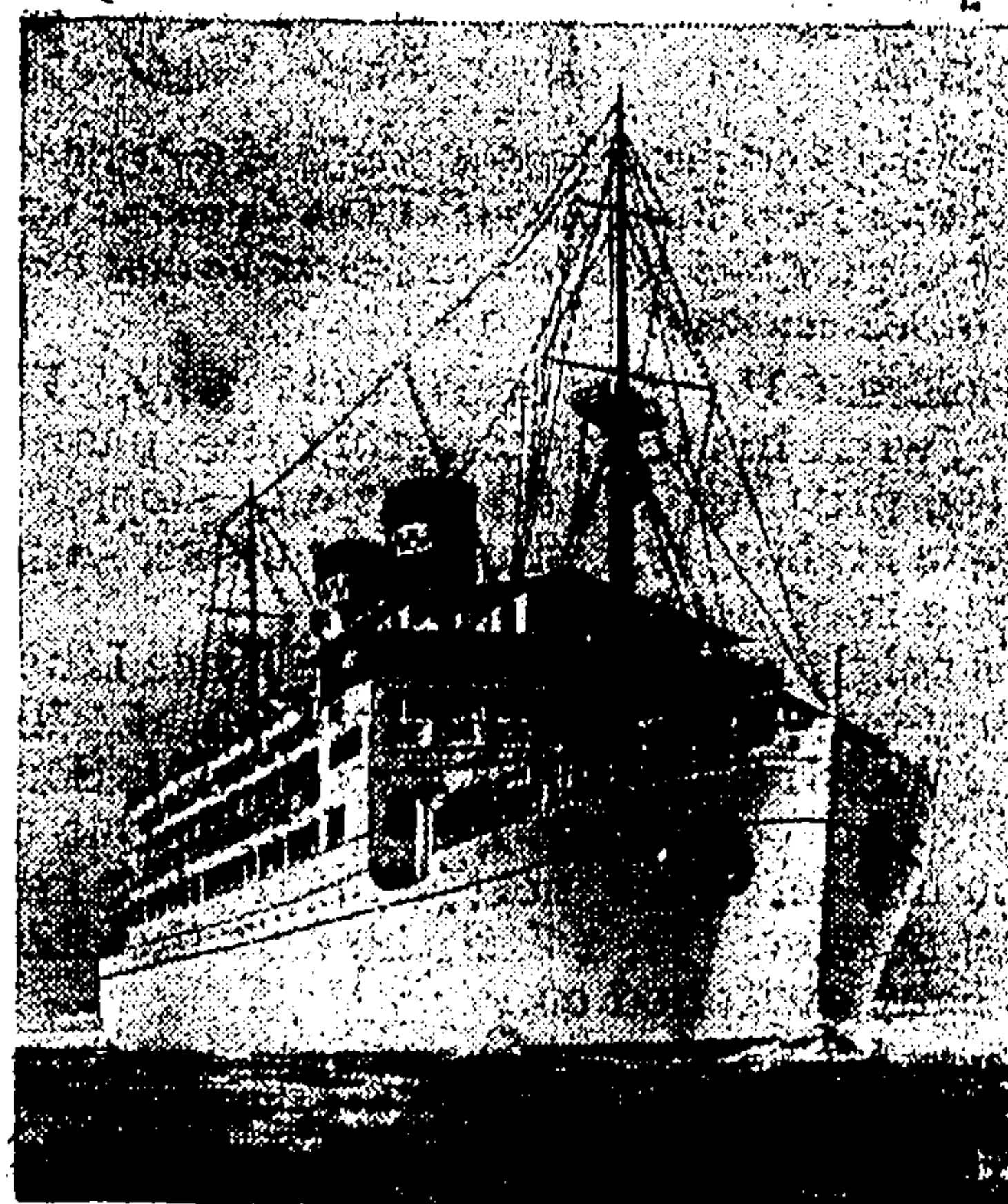
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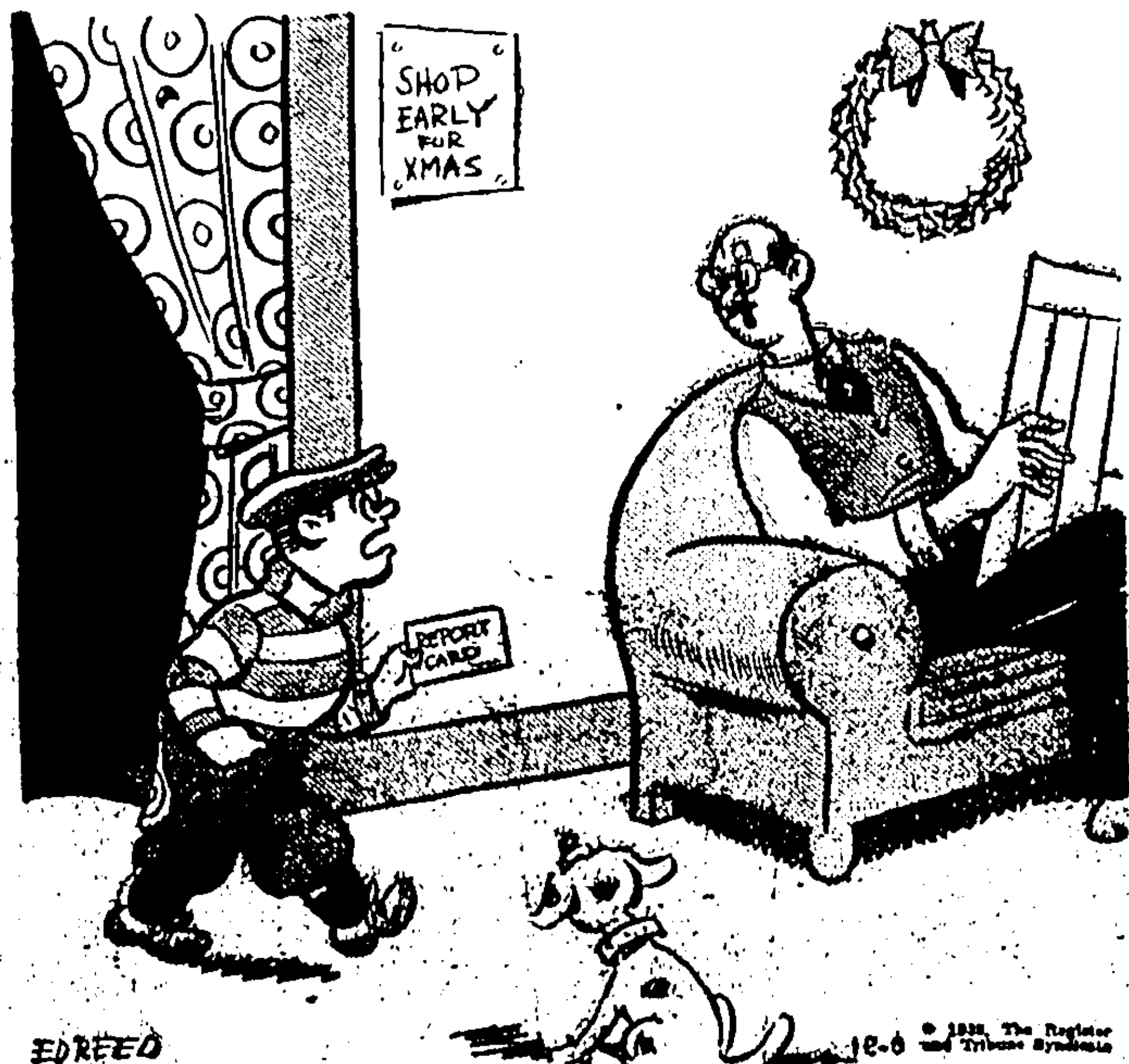
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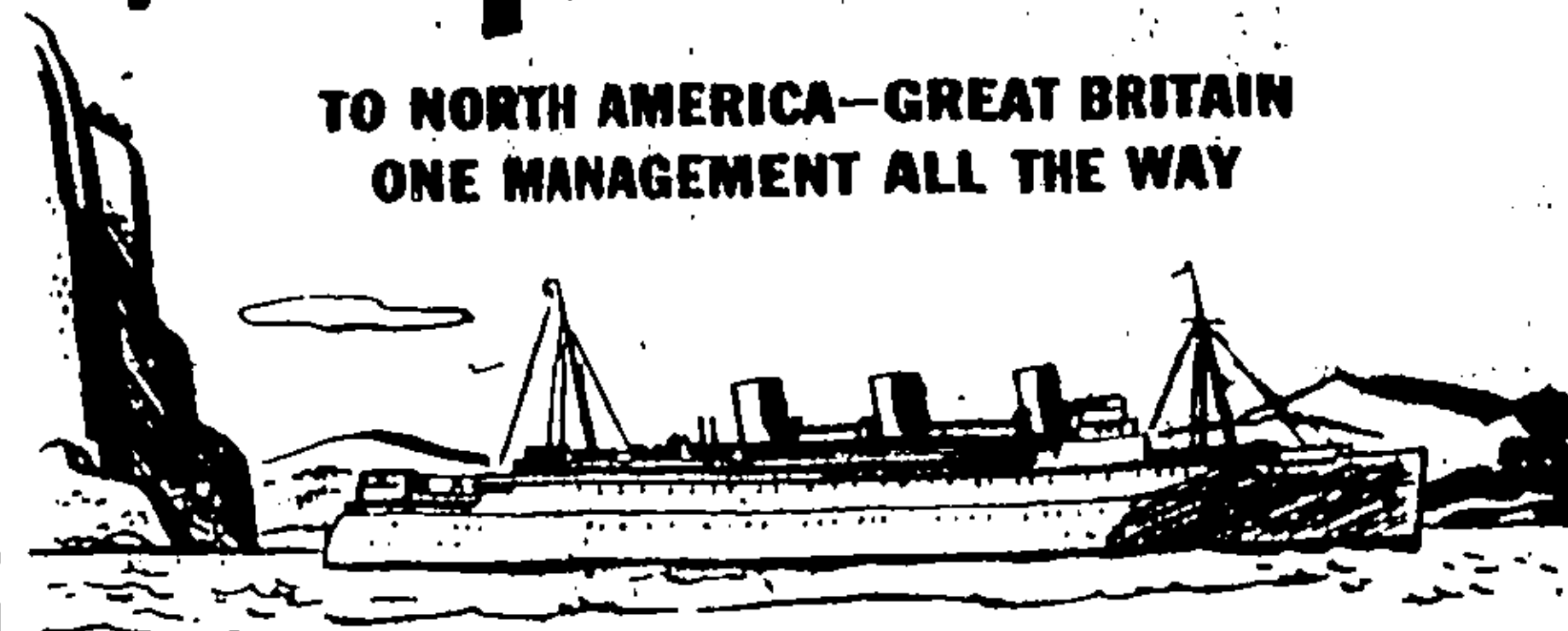
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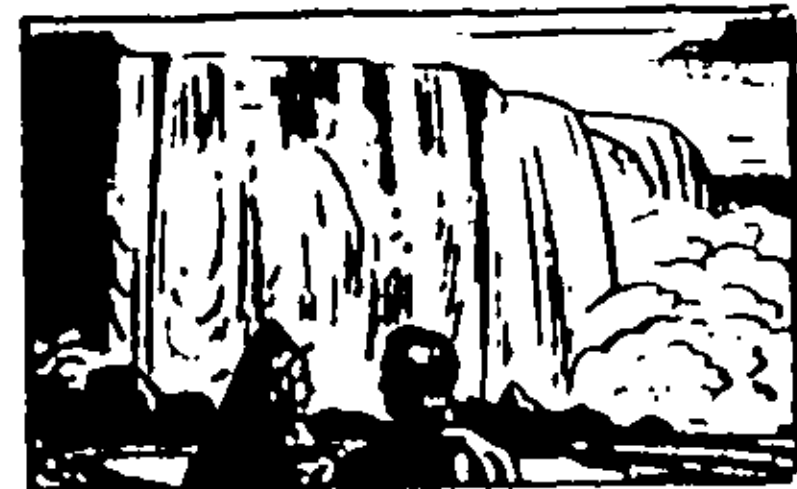


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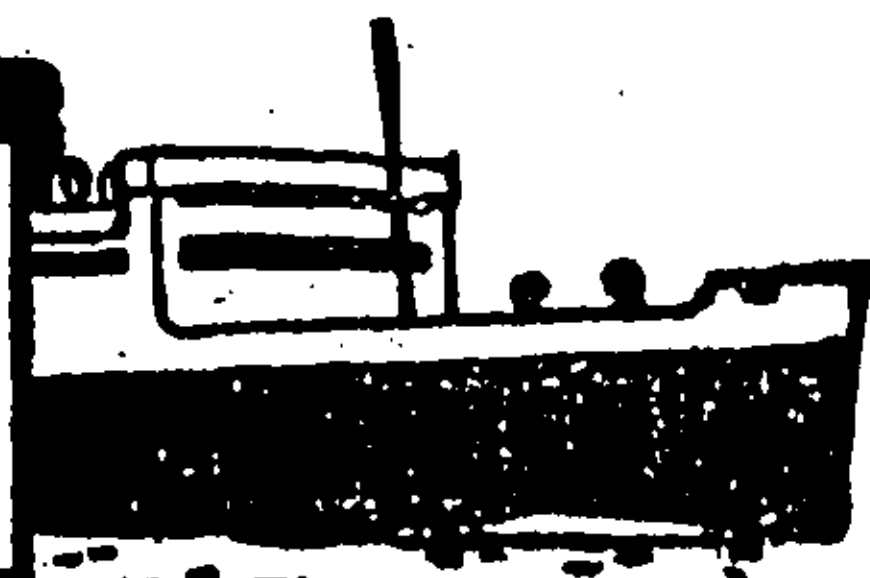
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8.07 p.m.—Songs by Robert Ashley (Tenor).

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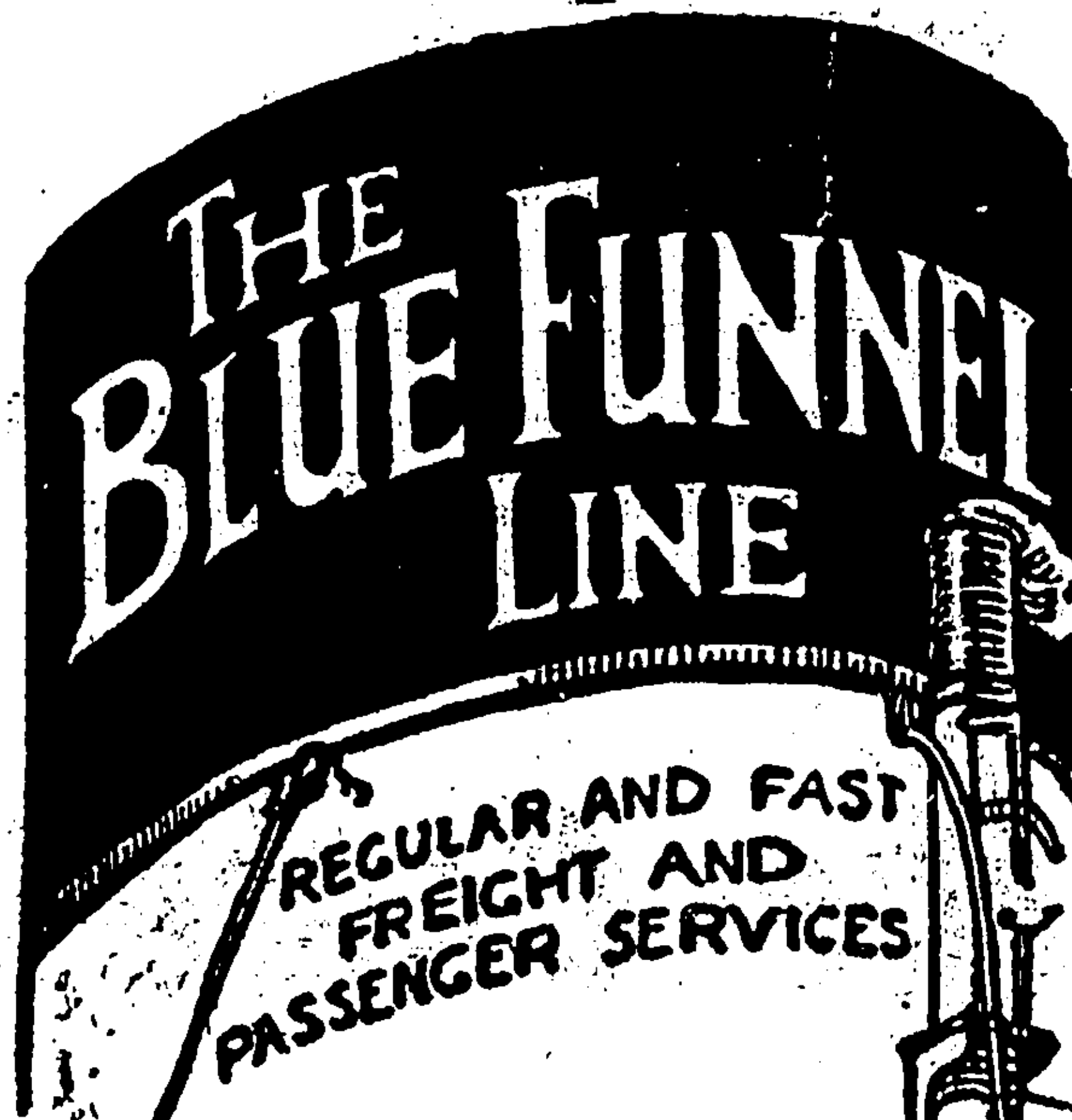
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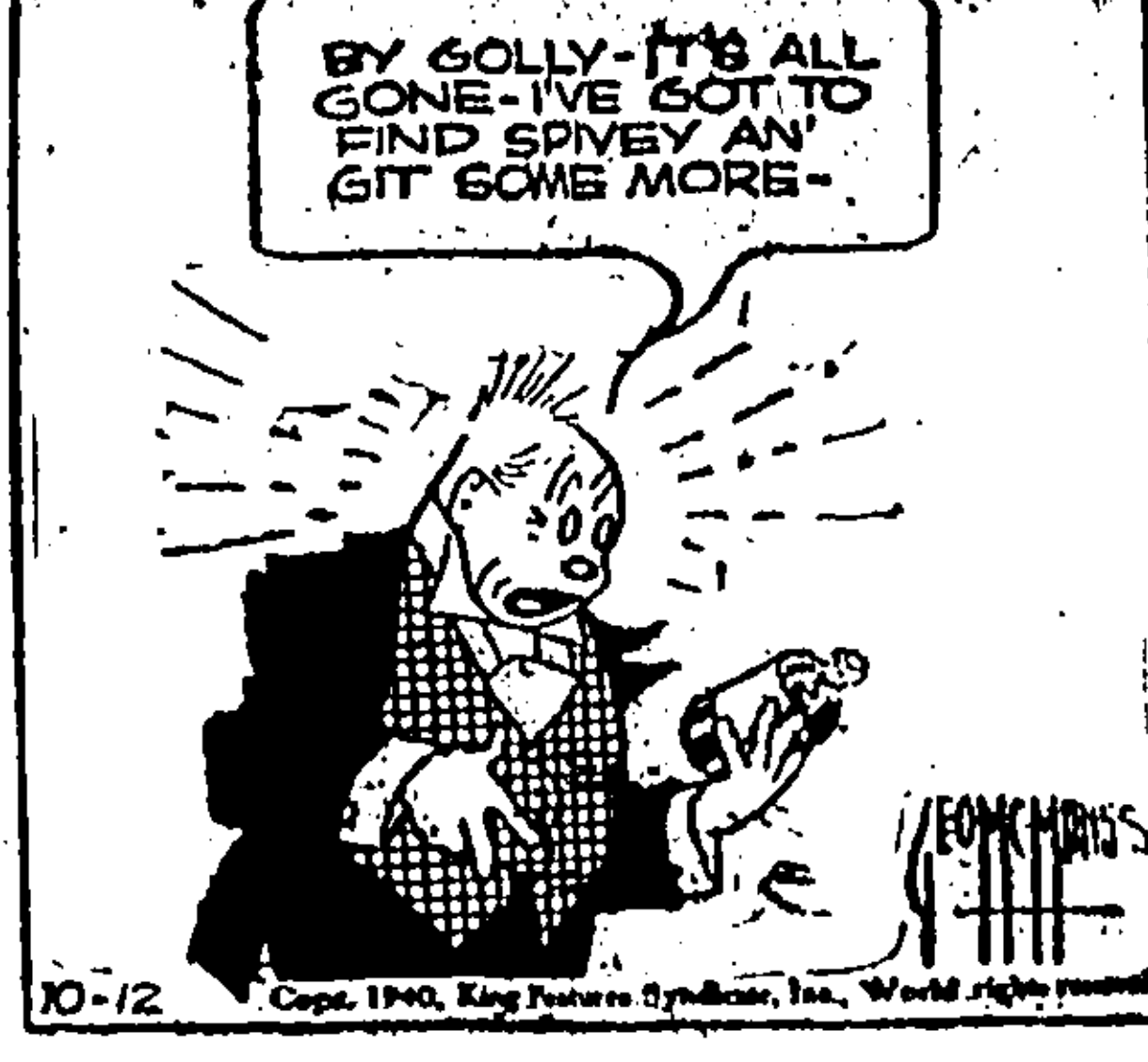
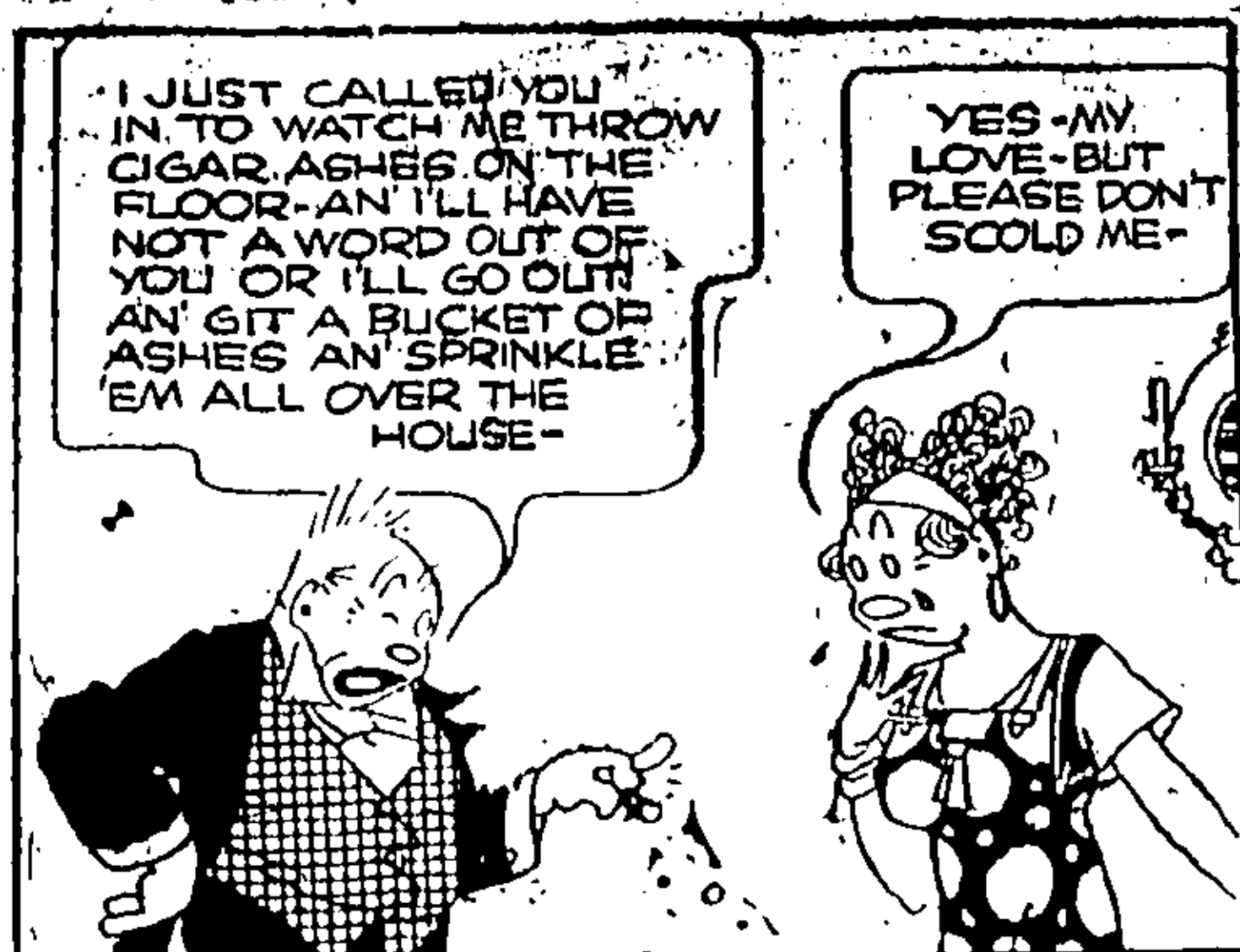
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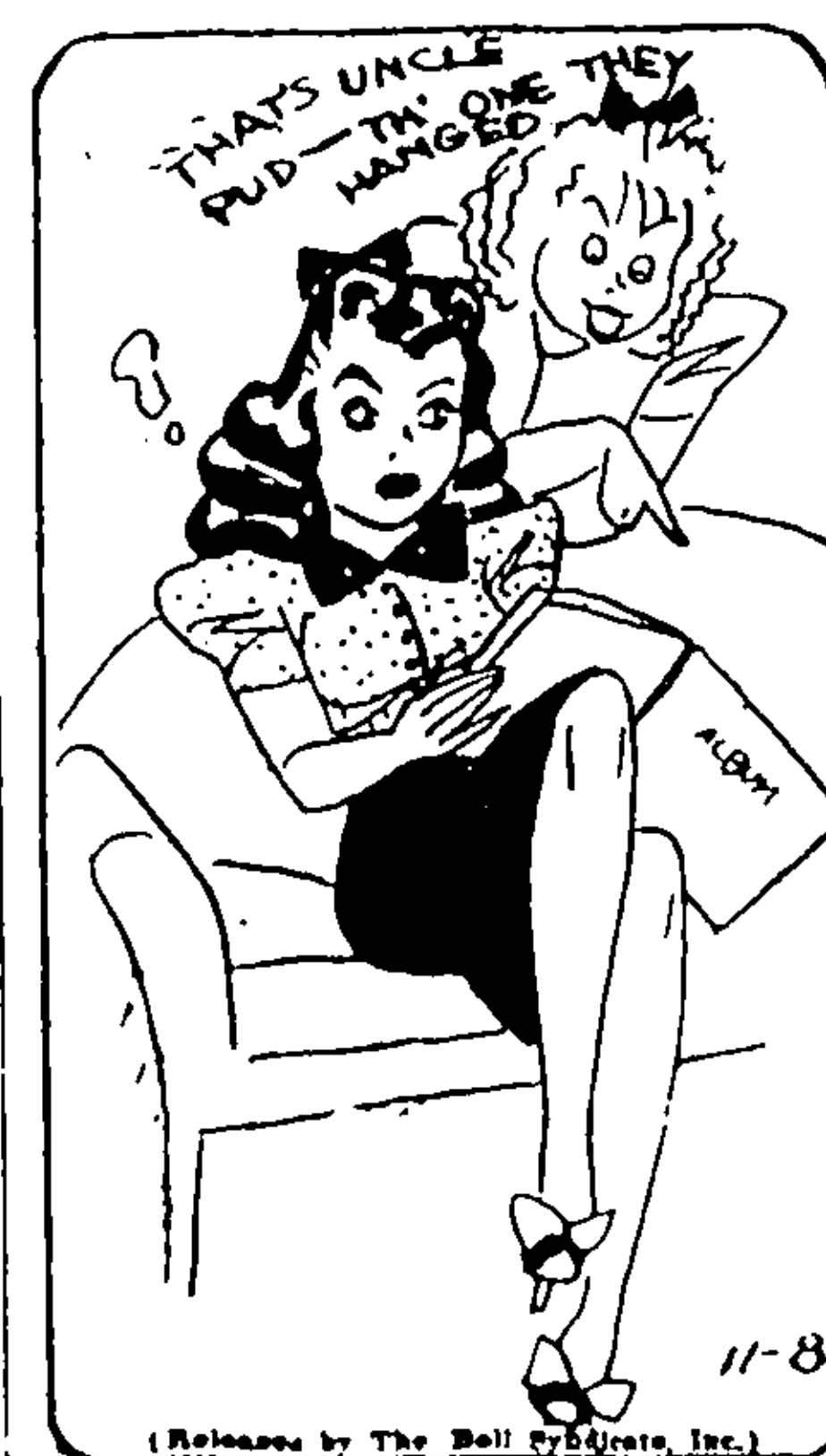
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Feature of the match was the bright batting of the Volunteers. Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-hit 32. The brightest batting of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit brilliantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 minutes.

Anderson battled with enterprise throughout the innings, and scored 117 not out. He hit 13 fours, Mackay eight, Attwell five and Griffiths eight.

Bateman was early the best Scots bowler although his analysis does not make impressive reading. Special mention must be made of the fine catch taken by Major Godley to dismiss Perry. The Civil Service player hit a half volley with tremendous force to mid-off where Godley held the chance about a foot off the ground. Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp strokes and shaping very confidently. After he had scored 32, however, he played a ball on to his pads and thence on to the wicket. Fergus appeared likely to get runs but was l.b.w. to Parsons when nine.

McLellan bowled much too well for Scots and took 5 for 13 in four overs, while Parsons also put down some good balls although he did not meet with much success.

In an effort to force an innings win, Scots were put in again but time was called when they were 83 for 8.

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N. A. E. Mackay, b Bateman	49
D. J. N. Anderson, not out	117
K. J. Attwell, b Fergus	32
A. E. Perry, c Godley, b Fergus	10

A. Zimmermann, b Alsey	18
R. H. Griffiths, c Duke, b Bateman	45
L. T. Ride, l.b.w., b Bateman	0
D. McLellan, not out	8
Extras (B5, LB3)	1

Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	270
N. D. Booker, D. O. Parsons and K. M. Baxter did not bat	

	O	M	R	W
Fergus	10	1	83	2
Alsey	6	1	51	1
Bateman	10	1	66	3
Duke	2	0	21	0
Deveroux	5	0	49	0

ROYAL SCOTS—1ST INNINGS

Major Godley, b McLellan	32
Cpl. Alsey, b Baxter	0
Capt. Duke, b McLellan	3
Lt. Ford, l.b.w., b McLellan	2
Pte. Bateman, st Zimmermann, b McLellan	0
Capt. Patterson, c Baxter, b McLellan	9
Lt. Fergus, l.b.w., b Parsons	4
Sgt. Deveroux, b Perry	11
Pte. Newsom, st Zimmermann, b Booker	11
Sgt. Taylor, c Ride, b Booker	14
Pte. Peacock, not out	14
Extras (B13, WBI)	0

Total	78
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	O	M	R	W
Baxter	3	1	26	1
McLellan	4	0	13	5
Parsons	4	0	15	1
Perry	2	0	5	1
Booker	17	0	5	2

ROYAL SCOTS—2ND INNINGS

Capt. Duke, st Zimmermann, b Perry	12
Pte. Bateman, b Ride	0
Cpl. Alsey, c Griffiths, b Ride	19
Lt. Ford, l.b.w., b Ride	0
Lt. Fergus, c Booker, b Mackay	19
Sgt. Deveroux, c Perry, b Mackay	16
Pte. Peacock, l.b.w., b Mackay	0
Pte. Newsom, c Anderson, b Attwell	4
Sgt. Taylor, not out	4
Extras (B13)	13

Total (for 8 wks.)	83
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	O	M	R	W
Anderson	4	0	17	0
Ride	4	0	13	3
Perry	2	1	2	1
Attwell	4	0	28	1
Mackay	23	0	10	3

HONG CHOY & LEE DO WELL

Fine bowling by H. F. Lee was insufficient to give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" in an Inter-Faculty match at Pokfulam yesterday, and the result was a draw.

Lee took 5 for 29 but Medicals still had three wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. Hong Choy was in great form with the bat and scored 52 for the Engineers.

ENGINEERS

H. F. Lee, b Gupta	17
K. S. Lien, l.b.w., b Mahmood	16
G. Hong Choy, b Amplayanar	52
H. F. Ho, b Gupta	0
F. Kwan, c Amplayanar, b Gupta	0
F. T. Lam, b Gupta	9
H. Singh, l. Mahmood	5
B. Henham, b Amplayanar	0
F. S. Tse, run out	0
V. W. Young, not out	4
Y. Voravieff, b Mahmood	0
Extras (B34)	34

Total	137
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	M	O	R	W
Amplayanar	7	1	29	2
Mahmood	9	3	36	3
N. S. Chin	2	0	6	0
Sen Gupta	5	0	32	1

MEDICALS "A"

J. Fenton, l.b.w., b Lee	2
Sen Gupta, l.b.w., b Hong Choy	0
T. T. Chin, b Hong Choy	3
S. Mahmood, c Lam, b Lee	27
N. S. Chin, l.b.w., b Lee	5
K. S. Oh, c and b Lee	44
K. S. Ooi, not out	7
S. Amplayanar, b Lee	4
T. B. Teoh, not out	1
Extras (B13)	13

Total (for 7 wks.)	106
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	M	O	R	W
Hong Choy	10	0	52	2
H. F. Lee	9	1	29	3
H. F. Ho	1	0	12	0

CAPTAIN PLAYED IN

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddies—of the rickshaw coolie variety and others—A. K. Mackenzie played himself in at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Caddies in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150 and 200, crowded the course in quest of the captain's first ball and the coveted dollar that went with it. Mackenzie hit a 200 yard drive down the fairway, the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a rickshaw coolie caddy, who brought back the bacon and took away a dollar.

Owing to indisposition His Excellency the Acting Governor was unable to be present.

Groves Beats Rose In Keen Match

(By A Special Correspondent)

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Frank Groves on winning the championship of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday.

Groves had a flying start and with 9's at the second and third and a 4 at the sixth was four up at that stage. Col. Rose hung on grimly and had reduced the arrears to one by the 17th. He missed a short putt at the 18th, however, and went intoiffin two down.

Scoring was good—Groves being 70 for 17 holes, having picked up at the 17th.

In the afternoon the standard of play fell away and scoring was well above par. Groves

Football

THE defeat of Service Corps by 30th R.A. at Stanley was the only unexpected football result on Saturday. South China and Engineers, leading teams in Second Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hot on the heels of Air Force for Third Division honours and on Saturday accounted for International, only team yet to beat Air Force.

First Division results were as expected though the game between Navy and Middlesex was keenly contested.

Rugby

NAVY won the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament by beating Army by 11 points to nil on Club ground after holding a six point lead at the interval.

Bowls

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club held its Closing Day on Saturday, when prizes won during the season were presented by Sir Atholl MacGregor, acting President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who also took part in the day's match.

Over 20 links took part in a match between the Club and the Association. The Club's team, which included players from other clubs, lost by 31 shots.

ONE RECORD SMASHED AT S. CHINA SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a newcomer to the Colony, from Kwangtung Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time.

Lee led all the way to win the race comfortably by about three-quarters of a lap from Signalman Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals, Private Manson, of Royal Scots, who was one of the favourites for this race, faded out poorly and gave up after finishing only 16 rounds.

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole Vault event for Members at 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu Fook-sing, who was second, by no less than two inches.

Mr. Fok Po-chui distributed the prizes to the winners.

Results

OPEN EVENTS

10,000 Metres:—1, Lee Yuk-foon; 2, Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kim-fan. Time: 38 min. 7 sec.
Men's 1,600 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, South China Athletic Association; 2, Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Nam University. Time: 3 min. 58 sec.
Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four. Under five feet):—1, King's College and 2, Wah Yan College.
Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, Ling Nam University; 2, South China Athletic Association and 3, Wah Yan College. Time: 48 sec.
Ladies' 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):—1, French Convent and 2, South China Athletic Association. Time: 58.8 sec.

MEMBERS' EVENTS

100 Metres:—1, Yu Kai-yan and 2, Sin Kwok-pun. Time: 12 sec.
400 Metres:—1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Cheung Kai-pul. Time: 58.2 sec.
110 Metres High Hurdles:—1, Wong Ki-ling; 2, Lui Kwai-chu and 3, Chu Fook-sing. Time: 19.2 sec.
Throwing Javelin:—1, Tam Hoi-chuen; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Distance: 30.08 metres.
Throwing Discus:—1, Yu Kai-yan and 2, Chu Fook-sing. Distance: 24.50 metres.
Step-Hop-Jump:—1, Wong Ki-ling and 2, Cheung Tung-hoi. Distance: 10.84 metres.
High Jump:—1, Chan Choi-shun; 2, Fong Chi-hung and 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Height: 1.84 metres.
Pole Vault:—1, Fong Chi-hung; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Kwan Chu-pul. Height: 9 ft. 3 in.
Long Jump:—1, Wong Ki-ling; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Distance: 5.98 metres.
200 Metres:—1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Lung Kai-ming. Time: 25.1 sec.
1,500 Metres:—1, Chan Chau-wai; 2, Lai Pui-yuen and 3, Lam Kim-fung. Time: 5 min. 24 sec.
800 Metres:—1, Lai Pui-yuen; 2, Chan Chau-wai and 3, Lau Shum-chi. Time: 2 min. 22.3 sec.
400 Metres Hurdles:—1, Lung Kai-ming; 2, Wong Shu-chuen and 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Time: 58.6 sec.



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SING TAO EASILY BEAT KWONG WAH

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 minutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by four clear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad-shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score!

Sing Tao were not at full strength, being without the services of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for the first time since his injury against Eastern.

It was only occasionally that Kwong Wah forwards were seen in any real attacking movements. Cheuk Shek-kam played on the right wing and though he sent over several good centres, the other forwards found Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang too good for them. Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack. Yeung Tse-chong worked hard at wing half but did not assist his forwards very much.

Soong Ling-sing was outstanding in the Sing Tao defence. Occupying the pivotal position he kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Slow Wing

Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pak-wah were slow on the left wing. The former was badly in need of practice while Ip was not accurate with his passes. Fortunately for Sing Tao, both Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing played up to form as these were the only forwards able to do anything of note with the ball. Both were guilty however,

POPULAR NAVAL TRIUMPH

By "Scrum Half"

Navy have won the 1940-41 Rugby Tournament, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available, Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their triumph. It was indeed unfortunate that he was unable to play in any of the five games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday.

Paul, Honeywill and a hard-working pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set scrums nine times out of ten for practically three-quarters of the game. Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullified all their best efforts.

Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead of them, against Club, before they can be even runners-up.

Club easily accounted for Police, who were lost without Wall.

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Sookunppo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Cheung Wing-choi, (Sing Tao); Tang Chung-wan (South China); and Lee Tin-sang, (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing, (Sing Tao); Hau King-seng, (Eastern); and Tse Kam-hung, (South China); Chung Yung-sum, (Eastern); Fung King-cheung, (Sing Tao); V. K. Hyui, (Eastern); Lee Wai-fong, (South China); (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to, (Eastern).

M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire cricket eleven on many occasions during the summer, has joined the Royal Air Force to train as a rear-gunner.

Umfreville, who is twenty-two years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in the colony. He is a useful soccer inside forward.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION			
Sing Tao	4	Kwang Wah	0
SECOND DIVISION			
Sing Tao	4	Kwong Wah	0
Police	5	Kit Chee	3
THIRD DIVISION			
12th R.A.	2	A.S.A.	0
Medicals	2	7th. R.A.	2

wing headed in a centre from Yeung Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheung added another. Kwong Wah:—Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai, Chung Fai-lam; Cheung Shui-fai, Chung Kim-fai, Leung Chi-cheong; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yun-fat, Chin Chi-tun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

Sing Tao:—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yang-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang, Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung Shui-yick.

C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the season's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Saturday over a distance of 8.6 miles, Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J. Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the course.

The race for the Mixed Class was won by Ailsa (Capt. W. A. Ingram) with Widgeon (Major G. H. Brown) second and Owl (G. L. Eastgate) third. There were four entries.



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BARDIA WEAKENING UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted yesterday by the German-controlled Paris Radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids a Frenchwoman said:

"The English at last! May God bless them, bonnet!"

The Italians, too, seem to have some misgivings, and an Italian National Council member in Rome yesterday complained:

"Italy, while in a life-and-death struggle against the strongest Empire in the world, cannot trust the French."

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat." — Reuter.

ARABS' SUPPORT

THE SOUTHERN ARABS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY ARE NOW, REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARABIA.

The victories in the Western Desert have given them great de-

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kasala and east of Galabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable.

Signor Ansaldo, who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as leading Italian publicist — declared yesterday in a Turin paper that Bardia is in no sense a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard prayers for a British victory," he said. — Reuter.

In making this statement, he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at British boasting after Sidi-Barani! — Reuter.

PAMPHLET APPEARS IN BUCHAREST

PAMPHLETS AGAINST NAZI TYRANNY AND RE-AFFIRMING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST — JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERMAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and say that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yoke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet. — Reuter.

SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGATION IN CAIRO STATED YESTERDAY THAT A PLOT AGAINST KING IBN SAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenced to death and others sent to prison.

Before the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London circles said last night. That the British should harbour any malicious intentions against an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Workers employed in Wang Ching-wei's propaganda organ, the "Chung Hwa Jih Pao" (China Daily News) struck work on Saturday night. The paper failed to appear in the streets of Shanghai, yesterday. The strikers are demanding higher wages. — Our Own Correspondent.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Last evening's raid on London was probably the heaviest concentrated assault of the war. The main raid lasted less than three hours, but thousands of bombs were dropped, primarily of an incendiary nature.

Casualties are not believed to be heavy, but the damage is extensive and widespread. The German High Command claims that huge areas of London were burning last night, and it also adds that in a clash in mid-Atlantic, a German warship badly damaged a British warship. The Admiralty has already revealed that the raider turned and fled when she found H.M.S. Berwick on the spot and that Berwick suffered only five casualties and trifling damage. — International News Service.

In a special report to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi," its Berlin correspondent says that Germany admits the bombardment of the island of Nauru, the southern Pacific, but denies that the raider flew the Japanese colours. Germany claims that Mr. Menzies' statement to that effect is "propaganda." — Reuter.

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